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WHS program of studies gets first reading

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington High School Principal Ryan Gendron provided the first reading of the updated program of studies for the School Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

He explained that changes were proposed for the program of studies for the 2025-2026 school year as a result of collaboration with curriculum team leads, liaisons, assistant principals, and other staff at the high school. They were prioritizing following the school improvement plan goal

of expanding student access and choice by making these updates.

Gendron reminded the committee that next year would only be the second year in the new schedule where they added an additional elective block for all students. So far, the feedback had been positive from their survey results.

Some of the updates involved introducing new elective choices for grade nine students in English, Science Technology and Social Studies; addressing remaining inconsistencies; and adjusting course prerequisite information and grade thresholds.

They also created a recommendation criteria framework for the English department to be used as a sample for other departments.

To explain the changes to the committee, they also created a simple chart separating each department's proposed updates.

Dr. Jenn Bryson commented that the chart was very helpful.

Nicholas Golden asked about the removal of AP French. Gendron stated that this was largely due to lack of student interest. He shared that participation in French and Italian at the high school is very low, under 60 stu-

dents, and they rarely can fit 12 students into a class such as AP French.

Even with the largest number of students in the Spanish program, he said that they've only run AP Spanish a few times over recent years. However, he mentioned that students could take a virtual course if their chosen course can't be filled.

Golden then wondered about the interdisciplinary courses that would be removed from the program of studies. Gendron replied that these were interdisciplinary between English and Social Studies, intended to allow extensive project-based

learning with one overarching curriculum. However, they hadn't found students showing organic interest in these courses and they had to recruit them to fill the previous sections.

Golden also commented that he would've loved to have had this many elective options in high school. Gendron agreed that it was easy to not notice how many offerings students had at WHS, but they were trying to expand without overextending themselves.

David Ragsdale said that he could see the theme of increasing the flexibility of students' ability to take these courses. He appreci-

ated that they are being more creative with prerequisite criteria and opening up courses to younger students.

He also asked about any work to certify students for competency determination, and Gendron answered that they were starting to look at sample language and insert their own ideas about certifying that students have met competencies.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott shared that they were bringing more information to the committee in this regard in early Feb-

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School Committee hears superintendent's report

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report for the School Committee on Jan. 15 pertained to the Massachusetts School Building Authority process for the new elementary school and school choice.

Brand shared that things were really starting to take shape with the new elementary school MSBA project. He promised that the Wildwood School Building Committee were working to make their materials, reports, and presentations available to the public on the school department website.

He highlighted that they were now in the preliminary design phase to develop the floor plans, exterior and finishes. This included getting to the details of where each program and class such as health, art and technology will be, along with large spaces like the gymnasium, main office and administrative assistants.

They were tweaking the organization of the different types of necessary learning and office spaces and also introducing elements like natural light.

Brand said that Dore + Whittier, the project design team, was doing a great job in his opinion. He reminded the audience that Dore + Whittier was also involved in creating the current high school.

He also mentioned that the Select Board recently voted to set the special Town Meeting and special election for the debt exclusion connected to this project, on Sept. 13 and 16, respectively. Among the next steps he mentioned were the MSBA finalizing a support percentage at their April 24 meeting and the

special meeting and election in September.

He also invited the committee members and community to begin mobilizing for project support.

Nicholas Golden commented to say that the design team was trying to balance tradition with aesthetic to craft an elementary school for some of the district's youngest learners. He also mentioned that he reached out to state regulators to familiarize himself with the committee members' responsibility and obligations.

They could express their preference for the style of building but also needed to respect public time and resources. He reminded the other committee members that they should balance their ethical requirements with their civic obligations regarding this project.

Stephen Turner reported that there was a subcommittee selecting a construction manager out of about four candidates. He also mentioned that the designers were talking about the initial outside view and there was a lot of feedback and learning in their conversations to create an elementary school that welcomes students and fits with the design of other newer schools in town.

Jay Samaha asked when the district would know the MSBA's support percentage. Brand replied that it was expected to be delivered in the MSBA's April 25 package.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Rugiero added that there was an MSBA board meeting in June, and he was sure the community would know the full project scope and budget including MSBA reimbursement rate prior to the special Town Meeting and ballot box vote.

In April, he expected to have a number but not necessarily the confirmed number from the MSBA until after their June meeting.

David Ragsdale assured the audience they would know the estimate at the end of April which would

High school representative updates School Committee on midterm study sessions and NHS tutoring sessions

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the School Committee received updates from the high school, the performing arts department, and the director of administration and finance.

Wilmington High School student representative Shubhangi Tripathi shared some recent high school activities including the library hosting midterm study sessions, the fitness room being open Tuesdays through Thursdays after school, and

National Honors Society offering free weekly tutoring sessions.

She mentioned that the high school indoor track and field team recently broke school records and the Environmental Club was running a donation program for repurposing old sneakers.

Students were getting ready for midyear exams from Jan. 16 to 22.

Performing Arts Department Liaison Mike Ferrara and some of his students delivered the Performing Arts Department update for the committee. Ferrara described

ed that music classes at the Shawsheen Street and Woburn Street schools were going wonderfully as students learned how to move, sing, and play instruments along with reading, writing, and composing music.

Upcoming events include grade one showcases about what students have been getting up to, grade two family folk dancing, and grade three interdisciplinary showcases. At the North and West Intermediate schools, students were preparing for their concerts in January and

showcases in March.

The high school students talked about an upcoming competition for Soundscape, WHS Lamp-lighters putting on a show of Hadestown, and WMS Drama Club doing Descendants: the Musical. There were also middle and high school chorus concerts and attendances of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Elementary and middle school orchestra students performed at the Festival of Trees and at the senior center and held concerts

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At New Boston Street bridge project site in Woburn

National Grid asked to hold off on gas line

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN — Deferring to the judgement of DPW Superintendent Jay Duran, the City Council recently urged National Grid to wait a little longer before seeking permits to relocate gas lines by the New Boston Street bridge project site (near the Wilmington line).

During their latest meeting in City Hall, National Grid representative Dianne Cuddy urged the council to issue a grant-of-location permit that would allow the company

to place 940 linear feet of gas lines within a trench that would run parallel to the city's own utilities by the North Woburn construction site.

However, Duran, citing recent conversations with a Mass. Department of Transportation (DOT) bridge engineer who is overseeing the \$28 million undertaking, urged the elected officials to push off the vote.

"Typically, I'd give a grant-of-location after our utilities are built. We're not anywhere close to that. Everything goes in stages

and that's the way I think we should handle this," said the DPW manager.

In response to Duran's feedback, various city councilors told Cuddy it would be foolish of them to ignore the advice of their own expert.

"I defer to him. If he thinks it's premature, I'm going to side with him," Councilor at-large Robert Toro Jr. responded matter-of-factly.

"If Superintendent Duran isn't going to bless this, it isn't going through. We trust what he's saying," later commented Ward 2's

William Pappalardo.

The National Grid official was ultimately convinced by Ward 4 Councilor Joseph Demers to seek a continuance of the public hearing rather than run into a situation where the council was forced to vote down the petition. As such, at Cuddy's request the deliberations were continued until Feb. 18.

The controversy over the grant-of-location application surrounds the phasing of utility work

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Equal Rights Amendment

ERA ratified by 38 states but not yet constitutional

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

On Jan. 17, 2025, outgoing President Joe Biden made a last minute announcement of support for the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Equal Rights Amendment is a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning discrimination based on gender.

Originally introduced in 1923, the amendment did not receive much support, but during the rise of the women's movement of the 1960's, the ERA gained increasing support, and was introduced to Congress in 1971.

President Jimmy Carter also backed the Equal Rights Amendment, which was passed by Congress in 1972.

The passed ERA was then sent to the states for ratification as the 27 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution with an original deadline for ratification of 1979.

The amendment failed to pass the required three-fourth state approval. A majority vote in Congress extended the deadline to 1982, but the ERA still came up short of the 38 state approval

necessary for ratification.

Over the years, supporters have pushed to get the 38 state ratification needed to add the ERA to the U.S. Constitution, and finally on Jan. 27, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA.

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Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group

Monday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. This month's featured books are James by Percival Everett and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

HYBRID
Hearing Aid
Tips & Tricks

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
Technology librarian Brad McKenna has been wearing hearing aids for almost twenty years. He gets the discussion started by showing what technologies he finds helpful. The discussion isn't limited to just technology. He'll also share practical advice, like asking people to rephrase not repeat, and what's involved in getting hearing aids in the first place. This hybrid monthly meeting is a place for people to trade tips and tricks on how to get the most out of their hearing aids. The meeting can be attended in-person or virtually via Zoom.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

VIRTUAL

Playful Pathways:
Parent Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.
This new monthly book club will cover the 7 essential life skills featured in Ellen Galinsky's book The Mind in the Making. Because this event will be held via Zoom, children are welcome to be in attendance. A copy of the book will be provided for 20 registrants, however, if the program fills up and you would still like to attend, please feel free to register for the waitlist



▲ Register now for our Coffeehouse Concert Series with Marina and Berna on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.! Marina and Berna are an international folk/Americana duo who divide their time between Marina's native New England and Bernardo's native Italy. Together, the pair has captivated audiences across the United States and in Europe! (Courtesy photo)

and acquire the book or borrow it from the library system. An email with the link will be sent to the registered and waitlisted attendees at least one hour before the event. The Zoom link will be the same for each month of the program. This book club is recommended for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5.

Coffeehouse
Concert Series:
Marina & Berna

Thursday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Marina and Berna are an international folk/Americana duo who divide their time between Marina's native New England and Bernardo's native Italy. Combining Marina's sultry vocals & unusual melodies with the gritty edge of Bernardo's slide guitar, soulful voice, and the sweet interjections of his mandolin, the duo's sound has been refined over years together on the road, the stage, and in the studio. As a solo act, Marina has supported such greats as LeAnn Rimes, Judy Collins, and Dar Williams. Together, the pair has captivated audiences across the United States and in Europe.

Needleworkers

Friday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
This is a social group for

those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community
Playgroup

Monday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. The first playgroup of every month will focus on infants and toddlers. Ages 0-6

STEAM Team

Monday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! Grades K-5

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Teen Group

Volunteering:
Cardmaking

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m.
Looking for extra volunteer hours? Make greeting cards for Wilmington seniors and get community

service hours! The cards will be delivered as part of the Home Delivered Meals program through the Buzzell Senior Center. Grades 6-12

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Early Release
Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1 p.m.
Using frosting and your imagination, decorate cookies after the WPS early release day! Grades 6-12

Baby Time

Thursday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Read to Stormy
(Waitlist Only)

Thursday, Jan. 30, 4 p.m.
Practice your reading skills with Therapy Dog, Stormy! Sign up for one 15-minute session per child or family. Grades K-6

Playful Pathways:

Various Vegetables

Friday, Jan. 31, 11 a.m.
Practice early literacy skills like focus, self-control, and taking on challenges during this week's Various Vegetables program! As part of our Food and Nutrition Unit of Playful Pathways, we will be hosting a "fun with food"

event! Pop around to stations around the room and create shape-pizzas, practice vocabulary and recognition skills, and play food-related memory and sorting games! Ages 0-5

Take Your Child
to the Library
Drop-In Storytime

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.
Join us for a special Drop-In Storytime to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. There is no registration required for this event, however it will be limited to the first 20 participants that arrive. Ages 2-6

Project Valentine with
Junior WOW

Saturday, Feb. 1, 1 p.m.
Drop-in between 1-3 p.m. to decorate valentines with Junior WOW for Wilmington's Project Valentine! All ages

Additional Information

New Library Hours

Wilmington Memorial Library has updated its hours! We are open Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. and Friday/Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Stop by and check out what's new — we can't wait to see you!

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting wilmlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person
Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual
Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Display Your Artwork
at the Library!

Call for artwork! Did you know the Wilmington Memorial Library allows professional artists to exhibit their work in the library's Stewart Room? Interested artists can apply to exhibit their work by visiting <https://bit.ly/wmlart>.

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Business claiming ERC for too much of a tax period: It's possible, but uncommon, for an employer to qualify for ERC for the entire calendar quarter if their business operations were fully or partially suspended due to a government order during a portion of a calendar quarter. A business in this situation can claim ERC only for wages paid during the suspension period, not the whole quarter. Businesses should check their claim for overstated qualifying wages and should keep payroll records that support their claim.

Business didn't pay wages or didn't exist during eligibility period: Employers can only claim ERC for tax periods when they paid wages to employees. Records available to the IRS show some businesses that claimed ERC didn't have any employees or they claimed ERC for tax periods before the business existed.

Promoter says there's nothing to lose: Businesses should be on high alert with any ERC promoter who urged them to claim ERC because they "have nothing to lose." Businesses that incorrectly claim the ERC risk repayment, penalties, interest, audit and other expenses.

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EASTON — Stonehill College proudly recognizes the students named to the fall 2024 Dean's List. To qualify for this recognition, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better. They must also have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered during the term.

• Lauren D'Arco of Wil-

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- Hayden Kane of Wilmington
- Kelly McClymer of Wilmington
- Hannah Watson of Wilmington

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING
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The Cretaceous

Chronicles Episode 1
Take a listen to the debut episode of The Cretaceous Chronicles, a new podcast by Wilmington High senior Domenic Guisti, dedicated to all things Jurassic Park, but focusing on Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous and Jurassic World Chaos Theory.

In episode 1, Dom and producer Sam Perkins, discuss their backgrounds with the Jurassic Park/

World franchise, and how each came to love the new Netflix shows.

Reading with Rabbits
at the Wilmington
Memorial Library

The Wilmington Memorial Library recently hosted a fun and educational event for children and families where they listened to a book reading and learned all about interacting with rabbits before meeting the fluffy guests of honor and getting to pet them! We know you'll love this adorable feature!

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTVWilmington.

Meetings covered
by WCTV:

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Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Finance Committee

View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

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Lifestyle

Celebrate the Year of the Snake during Chinese New Year

By HEATHER BURNS
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By mid-January, most have ended their New Year's celebration, but you may want to consider continuing to toast the New Year during the upcoming celebration of Chinese New Year.

This year, Chinese New Year is on Jan. 29, however, the Chinese New Year's date changes from year to year because it is decided by the Chinese Lunar Calendar (rather than the western used Gregorian calendar) and is typically celebrated within the months of January and February.

The Lunar Calendar is based on the cycle of the moon and the sun, and typically runs 21 to 51 days behind the internationally used Gregorian Calendar.

The day of Chinese New Year is always on a new moon day, usually the second new moon after the winter solstice.

Because Chinese New Year celebration is also based on the Chinese Zodiac Calendar, each New Year is designated to a different Zodiac Sign.

The Chinese Zodiac Signs are an ancient way of dating years in a 12-year cycle.

Legend states that the Jade Emperor had all the animals of the world compete in a race. The first 12 to win would be rewarded by having a year named after them.

The Zodiac animals are an important part of Chinese culture because the animal signs have been used for centuries in stories and folklore to teach valuable life lessons.

The 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac are (in order) Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

According to the Chinese Zodiac Calendar, 2025 is the Year of the Snake.

The Chinese Zodiac sign of the Snake represents wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition, and creativity.

There are many famous celebrities born under the sign of the Snake that showcase these zodiac tributes of the Snake, including actor Ryan Gosling, martial arts icon Bruce Lee, President John



▲▲ Celebrate The Year of the Snake during the 2025 Chinese New Year. (Heather Burns photos)

F. Kenedy, and pop music royalty Taylor Swift and Madonna.

In Chinese culture, snakes are associated with good luck, prosperity, and longevity, and the Year of the Snake is considered an excellent time for spiritual and personal growth, encouraging self-discovery.

The City of Boston will once again ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year with several fun and festive celebrations in the upcoming weeks.

First, you can find everything you will need to prepare for the upcoming Lunar New Year celebration at the Boston Chinese New Year Pop Up Market.

Located in the Chinatown trade Center, at 2 Boylston St., this pop-up floral market contains flowers, bamboo, and traditional money plants, as well as tangerine and orange plants, Chinese New Year decorations and candles.

The market is open Jan. 24 through the 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is an easy commute by public transportation, located directly across the street from the MBTA Orange Line Chinatown stop, and just a three minute walk from the Green Line Boylston Street stop.

After you have properly stocked up on flowers and decor for the upcoming celebration, join the City of Boston in ringing in the 2025 Year of the Snake at several Lunar New Years events throughout the city.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, experience an unforgettable afternoon of traditional performances, cultural showcases, and community spirit at Boston City Hall.

This Lunar New Year event features traditional dragon and lion dances, classic music, and Chinese opera performed by local and professional artists.

This event is free to the public and runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, learn Calligraphy for the Lunar New Year at Cambridge, located at 100 Cambridge Place in Cambridge.

This festive evening is for the whole family and celebrates the beginning of the Year of the Snake with a free calligraphy class. Learn how to write the Chinese character for Fortune with sumink on red paper.

This event is free, but online reservations are required.

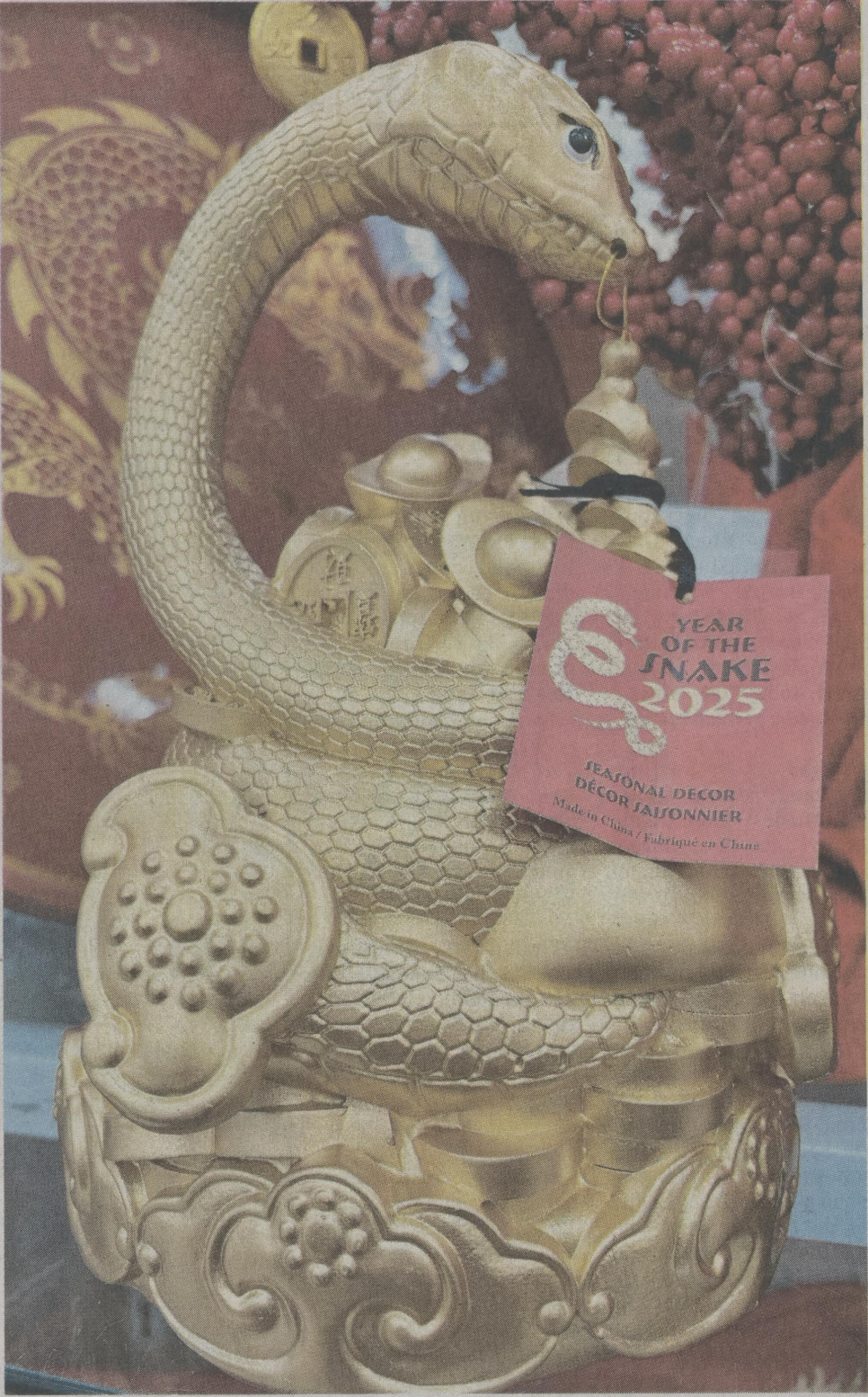
To reserve a spot, visit the Cambridge Learn Calligraphy for Lunar New Year listed on www.eventbrite.com.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, celebrate the Year of the Snake at the Museum of Fine Arts, located at 465 Huntington Ave. in Boston.

Experience the beauty of authentic Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese art pieces from the MFA's permanent collection.

Other events and activities will be available from 5 to 8:30 p.m., including several drop-in demonstrations such as The Artistry of Paper Cutting and The Art of Chinese Tea, as well as a dazzling display of traditional dance and martial arts presented by Vovinam Quang Trung Martial Arts.

The Pao Arts Center, located at 99 Albany St. in Boston, is hosting a celebratory event on Satur-



day, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with an afternoon of Interactive workshops and performances.

All are welcome to this event, and a suggested donation of \$10 per family is encouraged.

No Lunar New Year celebration would be complete without attending Boston's traditional Chinese New Year Parade on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The parade starts at Phillips Square at 10 a.m. and runs through Chinatown along Kneeland, Essex, and Harrison Streets,

ending around 3 p.m.

This year's parade features the colorful Lion Dancers, traditional drums and cymbals, and firecrackers, as well as great asian inspired street food.

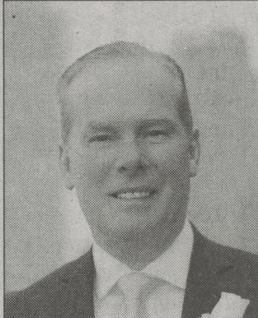
For those looking to take in some of the cultural experience of Chinese New Years without the cold temperatures the streets of Boston often feature in February, then you may want to consider a visit to the Lunar New Year Cultural Village, located at the China Trade Center at 2 Boylston St.

This Year of the Snake celebration also takes

place on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering the traditional Lunar New Year Lion Dance, along with other dance and singing performances, and more.

During this cold and sometimes dismal time of year between January and February, why not expose yourself to the festive and colorful celebrations of the Chinese New Year.

Immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of the Lunar New Year, while enjoying the good luck and prosperity of the upcoming Year of the Snake.



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January 25, Free 30 minute music lesson, Groton Hill Music Center. Register by Jan. 18 to have a free 30 minute lesson on your favorite instrument — age 5 through adult. <https://grotonhill.org/school/freelessonday/> New students only. Give your dream instrument a try!

February 7, Tewksbury Lions Music Bingo, 7 - 11 p.m., Tewksbury Wilmington Lodge of Elks, Adult-only event, Full table \$250 for 10 people. Bring snacks for the table to enjoy during the event. Cash Bar available. *No Beverages of any kind to be brought in to Event. Full Table Purchases only. Raffles, prizes.

February 13, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, 175 Chandler St. from 4 - 7 p.m.. Visit the Tewksbury Senior Center and enjoy a winter market. Food vendors, artisans and community groups. Visit tewksburymarket.com for more details.

February 15, Wilmington Shriners Music Bingo, 6 - 11 p.m., Shriners Auditorium, \$20 per ticket. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Prizes. Questions? bos-tonveteran@gmail.com

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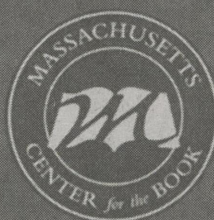
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2025 Reading Challenge

JANUARY

A book published or about the year you were born

FEBRUARY

A book with the name of a city in the title

MARCH

A book about someone with a marginalized identity

APRIL

A book about books, bookstores, or libraries

MAY

A book with a first sentence of eight words or less

JUNE

A book that spans multiple generations

JULY

A book you were drawn to by its cover

AUGUST

A book with a protagonist who is a teenager or senior citizen

SEPTEMBER

A book told in non-chronological order

OCTOBER

A book published by a Massachusetts press

NOVEMBER

A cookbook or book about food

DECEMBER

Another book by an author you've already read

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Book Stew Review

'Winds of Morning' by H. L. Davis

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

I'm participating in the Massachusetts Center for the Books' 2025 Reading Challenge, and January's is to "read a book published on or about the year you were born."

1952 it is, and my choice is a slow-moving story about a young Oregon

sheriff's deputy, Amos, who travels with an old rancher and a herd of semi-wild horses, accompanied by a Mexican man accused of killing a wealthy landowner.

Amo's intent is to investigate the possible involvement of the landowner's widow in the death. Hendricks, the old

man, has progeny scattered all over the wild lands, but refuses to tell Amos why he abandoned them.

There are encounters in Native settlements, contrasting with cars, trucks, and Greek immigrants building railroads in the late 1920s.

But mostly there's the

land, the rushing freezing rivers that the horses balk at crossing; the broken down barren homesteads, and the hardy pioneer-types Amos encounters.

It's an American tragedy, with little dialogue and a lot of exposition, and it will remain with me.

Manjourides named to Dean's List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce that Sandra Manjourides of Wilmington has earned a place on the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have

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Governor Healey establishes a Massachusetts K-12 statewide graduation council

BOSTON — On the heels of her State of the Commonwealth, Governor Maura Healey has signed an Executive Order to establish a Massachusetts K-12 Statewide Graduation Council to be led by the Secretary of Education and Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Council will include a broad range of stakeholders, including students, parents/caregivers, educators, school counselors, labor, education advocacy organizations, higher education representatives, legislators, and the business community.

The Council will be tasked with making recommendations on how Massachusetts can ensure that all students graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in college, careers, and civic life, regardless of their background or location, and demonstrate these qualities through a consistent statewide set of expectations.

"Massachusetts has the best schools in the country, and we want to stay that way," said Governor Maura Healey. "To keep

this high standard of excellence, I believe that students, families, schools and employers should know exactly what a diploma earned in Massachusetts represents. We're excited to bring together a broad group of stakeholders to make recommendations for a new high statewide standard."

"We believe that a high, statewide standard for high school graduation is important to promote equitable education opportunities for all students in Massachusetts, particularly for historically marginalized students," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "I look forward to the robust recommendations this Council of diverse stakeholders will develop to ensure that every student in our state graduates with the skills and knowledge to be successful."

"Massachusetts has an opportunity to bring the definition of what it means to graduate from high school to new heights, ensuring that all students are equipped for today's workforce and postsec-

ondary education opportunities," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "I look forward to engaging with this Council, particularly students, to continue and expand our efforts to reimagine high school."

"Students, families and educators need a strong signal about whether students are ready for college and a career after high school," said Russell D. Johnston, acting commissioner of elementary and secondary education. "The work of this council will be critical to redefining a shared understanding of what that should look like."

"Massachusetts must establish a standard graduation requirement to ensure that every student, no matter where they live, is prepared to succeed after graduation," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I'm grateful to Governor Healey for her focus on fostering equal access to quality education across the state, and I look forward to reviewing the Council's recommendations."

"A uniform graduation standard across districts ensures equitable learning opportunities for all students. I commend Governor Healey for establishing this council to ensure that the Commonwealth does not return to the pre-1993 days of low expectations for our high-achieving students, and I look forward to reviewing its recommendations," said Assistant Majority Leader Representative Alice H. Peisch (D-14th Norfolk). The Council will hold re-

gional listening sessions to gather feedback directly from communities. Recommendations will be presented to the Governor and Legislature after engaging in the following key areas:

Review current practices across the country and assess existing local variations in graduation requirements.

Gather feedback from diverse stakeholders, including students, families, educators, administrators, higher education experts, the business community, and the public.

Consider what skills and knowledge Massachusetts students need to thrive in college, careers, and civic life, including exploring potential course requirements, examinations, and alternative methods of demonstrating student achievement.

Council members, or designees, include:

- Speaker of the House of Representatives
- President of the Senate
- Minority leader of the House of Representatives
- Minority leader of the Senate
- Massachusetts Teachers Association
- AFT-MA
- Boston Teachers Union
- Massachusetts School Counselors Association
- Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents
- Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators
- Massachusetts School Administrators' Association
- Massachusetts Association of School Commit-

tees

- Massachusetts Charter Public Schools Association
- Teacher representative
- Public school student representative of Governor's Youth Advisory Council
- Public school student representative from State Student Advisory Council
- Three additional geographically diverse public school students identified by the co-chairs
- Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges
- State Universities Council of Presidents
- Commissioner of High-

er Education

- Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education
- Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
- Massachusetts Business Roundtable
- Non-profit organization whose work involves access to postsecondary opportunities
- Five additional representatives appointed by the co-chairs on behalf of the Governor who shall represent a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds, including experience with the education of students with disabilities and English learners

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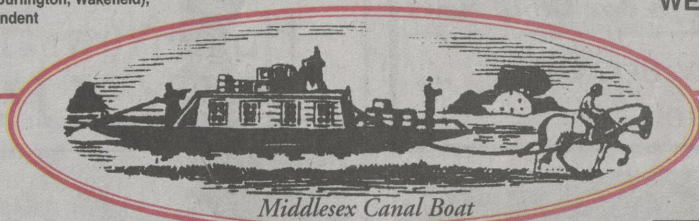
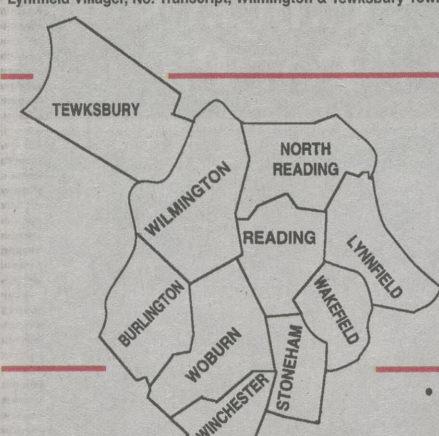
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EPA finishes 'five-year review' of two Woburn Superfund sites

By RYAN LAROCHE

Last week, the United States Environmental Protection Agency completed required comprehensive site cleanup reviews known as "five-year reviews" of 12 Superfund sites on the National Priority List across Massachusetts including two local sites: Wells G & H and Industri-Plex in Woburn.

As required by law, the EPA conducts reviews at Superfund sites after cleanup remedies have been implemented every five years. This comprehensive review of previous work helps ensure that the EPA continues to evaluate the performance of cleanup efforts and determines whether any further action to protect human health or the environment is required.

Wells G&H

The 330-acre site, located in Woburn in the Aberjona River Valley (with I-95 to the north, I-93 to the east, a rail line to the west and Salem Street to the south), consists of two municipal wells, known as wells G & H, which were developed in 1964 and 1967 to supplement the city's water supply. Unfortunately, in 1979, MassDEP discovered that the wells were contaminated by industrial waste from neighboring properties.

The city and state then immediately shut down both wells and then arranged a supplemental water supply from the Metropolitan District Commission (now known as the MWRA). In 1983, the EPA placed the site on the National Priorities List.

The site is in a highly developed and populated area, which consists of a mix of light industry, commercial businesses, office and industrial parks, residences, and recre-

ational properties. Most of these properties have been in continued use or redeveloped including the Grace property now known as Woburn Landing featuring a hotel, two restaurants and one unoccupied building; UniFirst property, which now features a rooftop solar array; NEP property; Wildwood property, which remains undeveloped; and the Olympia property, which includes portions that remain undeveloped.

The EPA just completed the sixth "five-year review" for the site. The review was prepared because hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remain at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure.

The Aberjona River runs through the western part of the site and eventually reaches the Mystic Lakes in

Winchester as part of the Mystic River watershed. A substantial wetland area associated with the river's

floodplain is located on either side of the river on-site.

The city no longer uses groundwater at the site as a drinking source; instead, Woburn uses water from Horn Pond as its major water supply.

The latest review notes the site still hasn't achieved construction completion.

The initial response back in May of 1979 saw the Woburn Police Department find 184 drums containing polyurethane and toluene di-isocyanate on a vacant lot in Woburn. Once taken over by the EPA, it ordered Grace, UniFirst and Beatrice Foods, Inc. (for the Wildwood property) to study contamination on their properties. The companies then initiated groundwater monitoring programs at their properties.

By 1991, the EPA identified several objec-

tives: prevent further introduction of contaminated groundwater; limit the further migration of contaminated groundwater off-site from the source areas and prevent public contact with contaminated groundwater above the cleanup levels.

Objectives also included preventing the public from contacting contaminated soil and protecting the natural resources at the site from further degradation.

The fifth "five-year review," released back in 2019, stated "active remedial actions have been or continue to be implemented in conjunction with routine O&M and monitoring...[h]owever, in order for the remedy to be protective in the long term, the following actions are recommended..."

Those include more work at the Wildwood property, deep groundwater assessment at the NEP property, assessment of soil and groundwater cleanup levels from additional planned treatment at the Olympia property to determine if additional groundwater treatment is necessary, and assessment of groundwater conditions relative to arsenic, manganese and PFAS.

In a statement, the EPA said:

"The remedy at the Source Area Properties currently protects human health and the environment because exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'One of Them Days' will convince you
Keke Palmer is a star



GOOD DAY - Above, Keke Palmer, left, and SZA in a scene from "One of them Days" released by Sony Pictures.
(Anne Marie Fox/Sony Pictures via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Horror, not comedy, has been the go-to movie genre in recent years, but a movie like "One of Them Days," starring Keke Palmer and, in her big-screen debut, SZA, is a good reminder of what we've been missing.

Creepy stuff and jump scares, we've been told, have proved better suited for channeling our abiding contemporary dread. But the communal joys of big-screen comedy have, and always will, suit dark days as much as light ones, if not more so. "One of Them Days," for instance, happens to arrive while Los Angeles, where the movie is set, has been decimated by wildfires. The Southern California skies, though, are crystal clear in "One of Them Days." In the opening moments, someone says, "It's always cooler on the West side."

"One of Them Days," which had its premiere cancelled by the fires, is a welcome warm breeze for a movie landscape that has largely frozen out the comedy. There's one overwhelming reason for this: Keke Palmer.

This is a buddy comedy, so it might seem unfair to single out one half of a duo. SZA, in her first feature, acquires herself well. But this is Palmer's show.

Palmer plays Dreux, a Los Angeles waitress who, when her artist roommate Alyssa (SZA) gives their rent money to an untrustworthy boyfriend, Keshawn (Joshua David Neal), goes on a madcap, day-long odyssey to raise the money before they're evicted. This seemingly low-stakes premise is itself a kind of throwback to a more 1990s-flavored movie. The antic spirit of F. Gary Gray's

"Friday" can be felt throughout "One of Them Days."

The tone here, courtesy of director Lawrence Lamont, producer Issa Rae and screenwriter Syreeta Singleton, is amiably realistic. Aside from a few cartoonish flourishes, "One of Them Days" is grounded in a working-class reality where every step toward upward mobility for Dreux and Alyssa is swiftly knocked backward.

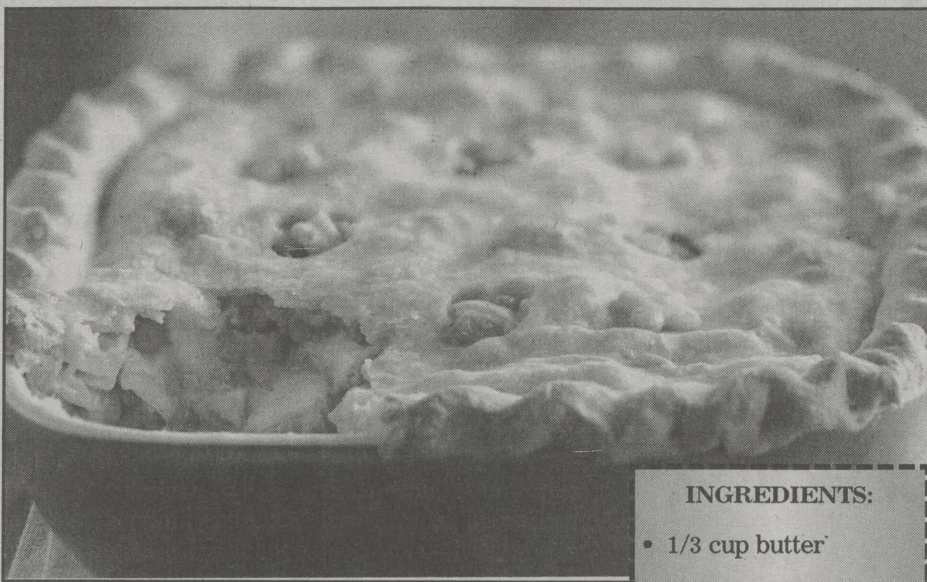
They live in a dilapidated apartment complex in the neighborhood of Baldwin Village, nicknamed the Jungles. When they're forced to raise \$1,500 — a race complete with a ticking-clock countdown to eviction, and, as things develop, until "certain death" — Dreux is also scheduled for the biggest job interview of her life, to become a franchise manager for the restaurant chain she's employed by.

The satire of "One of Them Days" is mostly directed at the feeble opportunities afforded to those striving to break out of a paycheck-to-paycheck cycle. When the roommates seek a loan, their payday center advertises a comical APR of 1,900.5%. (The agent, who takes great pleasure in their credit scores, is memorably played by Keyla Monterroso Mejia.)

That's just one of the characters the two encounter in their pleasantly meandering journey to raise money via everything from blood donation to Air Jordans hung on power lines. Some of the characters along the way include Katt Williams, as a conscientious homeless man who warns against predatory lending; Vanessa Bell Calloway's stripper-turned-blood-bank-worker; a new white neighbor named Bethany (Maude Apatow); and Keshawn's new hook-up (Janelle

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CLASSIC CHICKEN POT PIE



INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup Gold Medal™ All Purpose Flour
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 3/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups cut-up cooked chicken or turkey
- 1 box (10 oz) frozen peas and carrots
- 1 box (14.1 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Pie Crusts (2 Count), softened as directed on box

SIMPLY THE BEST - What is a classic chicken pot pie? It starts with a scratch sauce that's made easily with just a few ingredients. It's a perfect dinner to serve when the nights turn cold, as its comforting qualities warm from the inside out.

STEPS

1. In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour, onion, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly with whisk, until mixture is bubbly; remove from heat. Stir in broth and milk. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in chicken and peas and carrots; remove from heat.

2. Heat oven to 425°F. Roll 1 pie crust into 13-inch square. Ease into ungreased 9-inch (2-quart)

glass baking dish. Pour chicken mixture into crust-lined dish.

3. Roll remaining pie crust into 11-inch square. Cut out designs with 1-inch cookie cutter. Place square over chicken mixture. Arrange cutouts on top crust. Turn edges of pie crust under; flute edge.

4. Bake about 35 minutes or until golden brown.

James), who proves the movie's most regular villain, despite the looming presence of a fearsome gangster (Amin Joseph).

Anyone familiar with Rae's "Insecure" will recognize some of the hallmarks of that HBO series, namely the struggles of Black women trying to get a leg up in Los Angeles while also juggling romantic interests that might come from a wide range of backgrounds. Here, that's Dreux's crush, Maniac (Patrick Cage), who drives a Mercedes and who she suspects is a criminal.

If all of this sounds somewhat low stakes (I failed to mention Lil Rel Howery as their prospective sneaker buyer), that's more of a pleasing feature than a bug in "One of Them Days." Besides, filling this movie with anything more — star cameos or broad comedy set pieces — would be a mistake. That would leave less room for the interplay between Palmer and SZA.

"One of Them Days" hinges on central

buddy comedy, which Lamont seems to recognize even in his feature directorial debut. SZA's uber-cool unsurprisingly transfers easily to the big screen; her performance is winning because it's so unforced.

But it's a testament to Palmer's dynamism as a performer that "One of Them Days" would work no matter where their day takes them. There's a freewheeling wit and ever-shifting subtlety to Palmer, who so enlivened Jordan Peele's "Nope." Only a theatrical comedy can really showcase charisma like hers. For an actress who's hustled to get to this point, "One of Them" days is perfect platform for Palmer, scrappy and unstoppable.

"One of Them Days," a Sony Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for language throughout, sexual material and brief drug use. Running time: 97 minutes. Three stars out of four.

• Sites FROM B-1

being controlled. Active remedial actions have been or continue to be implemented in conjunction with routine O&M and monitoring.

"The current evaluation of the vapor intrusion pathway at both on-property and downgradient of/near property locations also supports the conclusion that the remedy is currently protective.

"For the remedy to be protective over the long term, the following actions are recommended: 1) implement the activities described in the 2023 work plans to optimize the Air Sparge/Soil Vapor Extraction system and the bedrock pump and treat system at the Wildwood property; 2) perform additional sampling of wells on the NEP property (e.g., NEP 1 and 2 deep bedrock production wells) to further assess contamination, and the need for Groundwater Extraction and Treatment System (GWETS) identified for the NEP property; 3) determine the need for GWETS identified for the Olympia property after removal action completion; and 4) perform comprehensive sampling for toxic chemicals at the Source Area Properties to assess whether concentrations are of concern, and determine if further investigation of PFAS in groundwater or other media is warranted."

Another review for the site is due in five years.

Industri-Plex

The Industri-Plex Superfund Site is a former chemical and glue manufacturing facility. Industri-plex was used for manufacturing chemicals such as lead-arsenic insecticides, acetic acid, and sulfuric acid for local textile, leather, and paper manufacturing industries from 1853 to 1931.

Chemicals manufactured by other industries at the site include phenol, benzene, and toluene. Industri-plex was also used to manufacture glue from raw animal hide and chrome-tanned hide wastes from 1934 to 1969.

The by-products and residues from these industries caused the soils within the site to become contaminated with elevated levels of metals, such as arsenic, lead and chrome. During the 1970s, the site was developed for industrial use. Excavations uncovered mixed industrial by-products and wastes that accumulated over 130 years.

During this period, residues from animal hide wastes used in the manufacture of glue were relocated on-site from buried pits to piles near swampy areas on the property. Many of the animal hide piles and lagoons on-site were leaching toxic metals into the environment.

In the 1980's, the site contained streams and ponds, a warehouse and office buildings, remnant manufacturing buildings, and hide waste deposits buried on the site. Animal

hide residues are found on approximately 20 acres of the site in four different piles. Portions of the animal hide piles sloughed off, causing the release of hydrogen sulfide gases to the atmosphere and toxic metals to surrounding wetlands.

During the 1990s and early 2000s, parts of the site were redeveloped. Current site uses include retail, residential, and commercial and light industrial land uses, as well as an intermodal transportation facility, the Anderson Regional Transportation Center. About 110 acres of the site have protective caps (i.e., engineered and equivalent caps/covers) constructed as part of the site's cleanup. Solar panels have been installed on the East Hide Pile and East Central Hide Pile.

Residences are located within 1,000 feet of the site, and more than 34,000 people live within three miles of the site.

The Aberjona River, which begins in Reading, flows through the site and eventually reaches the Mystic Lakes in Winchester. Part of the site extends downstream along the river to the Cranberry Bog Conservation Area (CBCA) within Wells G&H. To the south, land use along the river consists of mixed commercial/industrial and residential properties and open space/conservation areas. Some substantial wetland areas associated with the Aberjona River floodplain are located on either side of the river.

This is only the second "five-year review" for the site, with the EPA completing the first back in 2019. It was listed on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) National Priority List in 1983. The reason for the review is consistent with the reason for the review at the Wells G&H site.

The site, approximately 245 acres, neighbors the Wells G&H site and includes downstream water and sediment from that area. Unlike the Wells site, this site achieved construction completion.

The primary pathway of concern at the site involved direct exposure (ingestion, skin contact and inhalation) to soils by an industrial worker or recreational visitor. The second potential threat from soils was the off-site migration of contaminants via surface water resulting from either direct contact of the waste deposits with surface water or runoff from a storm event.

The primary contaminants of concern in soils and sludges were arsenic, lead and chromium. The Endangerment Assessment found that the air emissions from the hide piles would not adversely impact the public health; however, the emissions contained hydrogen sulfide gas that created a substantial nuisance odor problem.

Two groundwater plumes, contaminated with benzene and toluene, were also cause for concern because of their potential to impact the City of Woburn's water supply wells (Wells G&H), which were not in use at the time.

10 years ago, the EPA evaluated soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water contamination and risks along the Halls Brook Holding Area and Aberjona River from the site to the Mystic Lakes in Arlington. Since the Aberjona River flows through an urban area that includes residential, commercial, recreational, and industrial properties, the study area was divided into six reaches or areas so that appropriate human health and ecological risk evaluations could be conducted based on the unique exposure hazards at each area.

Risks included arsenic and benzene (as well as ammonia) plumes beneath the groundwater that could cause future health risks to people who might come in contact with the water or contribute to significant environmental risks in the sediment and deep surface water.

High concentrations of arsenic in the area could cause health risks to children or construction workers or those recreating along the shoreline.

Over the last 60 years, the state has been involved in multiple enforcement actions against a developer of the site, Stauffer Chemical Company, starting in 1969 when the developer began work without proper permits. MassDEP also issued multiple notices of violation to the developer pertaining to the odors released during development activities.

Eventually, the federal government stepped in and filed suit against the developer pertaining to filling wetlands and a release of hazardous substances.

Objectives at the site include protecting the public health and surface water from direct contact exposure to soils/sludges contaminated with elevated levels of arsenic, lead and chromium.

In a statement, the EPA said:

"The remedies at the Industri-Plex site currently protect human health and the environment, as exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risks are being controlled. However, in order for the remedy to be protective in the long-term: discovered buried drums at 211 New Boston St. must be properly removed and disposed off-site and address any contamination they contain or have released and the protective cover (i.e., concrete floor) re-established, within (the site) institutional controls will be created and recorded to restrict inappropriate land uses (including use of groundwater) and protect the components of the remedy; and an evaluation of the potential for vapor intrusion from groundwater contaminants and releases of methane and hydrogen sulfide gases from animal hide residues/remnants will be performed using multiple lines of evidence to assess the vapor intrusion pathway."

Another review for the site is due in five years.

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2 Cathy Rd was sold to Mehndiratta, Ankita and Mehndiratta, Varun by Girouard, Michael A for \$925,000 on 01/02/25

134-A Winn St was sold to Doyle, Evangelina and Doyle, Christopher by Wagstaff, Carolann F for \$570,000 on 12/31/24

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159 Elm St was sold to Wolfe, John P and Wolfe, Michaelen by Costin, Katherine and Costin, Ty for \$710,000 on 01/02/25

4 Jenkins Rd was sold to Honorato Com Inc by Desousa, Edward X and Desousa, Edward M for \$575,000 on 01/02/25

417 Park St was sold to Kapp, Michael K and Kapp, Annalise E by Louise Routenberg Ft and Roy, Laura S for \$400,000 on 01/03/25

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3rd William F Est and Hughes, William S for \$750,000 on 12/30/24

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83 Highland St was sold to Piche, Adam and Dong, Huaiyu by Churchill, Susan A for \$630,000 on 12/31/24

1005 Main St was sold to Kennedy, Ryan and Howland, Megan by Felix, Justin and Riley, Meghan for \$665,000 on 12/30/24

22 Oak Ridge Rd was sold to Merrigan, Jonathan M and Merrigan, Julie A by Sartell, Edward F and Sartell, Simore M for \$1,550,000 on 12/30/24

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STONEHAM

5 Blueberry Ln was sold to Deangelo, Bonnie A by Toomey Jr, John F and Toomey, Karen K for \$1,340,000 on 12/30/24

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Antonuccio, Juila by Tefft, David L and Brown, Shanda for \$1,065,000 on 12/31/24

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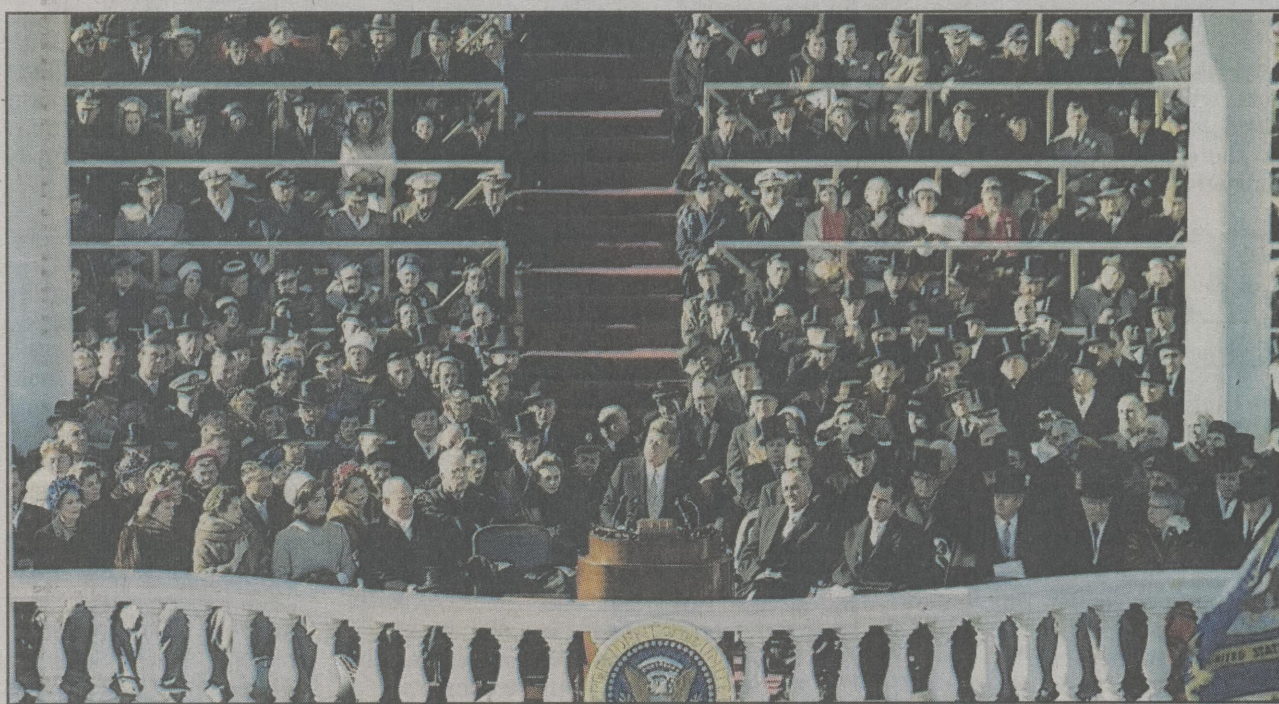
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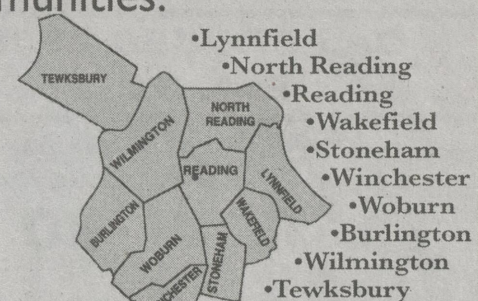
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Tewksbury Police Log

Local man charged with 4th offense of OUI

Monday, January 13

3:07 a.m. - Police off with a motor vehicle for suspicious activity at Christine Drive. The party checked out and was just an Uber driver waiting for their passenger.

7:47 a.m. - Caller reported an ongoing issue with a neighbor at Ames Hill Drive. Verbal altercation bringing grandchild to bus stop this morning where caller was threatened "call police one more time and see what happens." Ongoing neighbor dispute due to noise complaints. Male and wife left for work and were out. Police sent and officer filed a report.

3:47 p.m. - Caller reported the front door of Northgate Road was currently open and the house was condemned by the department of health. Police sent. Door was unable to be locked. Nobody was inside the house the house.

Tuesday, January 14

3:10 p.m. - Caller reported a 30-year old male with brown hair and wearing a

hoodie in the waiting room took a video of a staff member and refused to delete it at Lowell General. Police sent. They spoke to both parties.

5:31 p.m. - Caller stated a suspect was upstairs and kept banging at Ames Hill Drive. Caller was unsure of the unit. Police sent. They assisted the party and spoke to upstairs neighbor as well.

8:24 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was being threatened, with explicit texts being sent out talking about an exchange of money at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent and officer filed a report.

9:08 p.m. - Caller stated he was from loss prevention and they had eyes on a party that was tampering with numbers at Walmart. Police sent and officer filed a report. Party was trespassed.

10:42 p.m. - Erratic driver in a blue Nissan pickup truck was around Rogers Street. Police sent. They gave the suspect a verbal warning.

11:48 p.m. - Caller stated upstairs neighbors were banging again at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. All units cleared. Female party would contact management in the morning.

Wednesday, January 15

5:55 a.m. - A 911 caller reported an outside Christmas tree on fire at Darby Street about 15 feet from a residential house. Caller was out of the area and said it looks across the street from him. The caller was going to work and not remaining on scene. Fire department sent. Police stated the homeowner threw away hot coals and it caught his trash on fire.

10:53 a.m. - A 911 caller reported her boyfriend's brother pushed her at Katie Way. Police sent and officer filed a report.

12:02 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male could be heard yelling at Main Street. No answer on call back. Police sent. They spoke with the party involved at the residence and there was a miscommunication over the food

which had been resolved.

1:47 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an Amazon driver took a picture of a package and then left with it at Nelson Avenue. Police sent. They were out with the commercial vehicle and the driver had the wrong address.

Thursday, January 16

12:46 a.m. - Caller stated someone was trying to break into the room at Motel 6. He heard someone was messing with the lock. Police sent. They spoke to the male party who believed someone was trying to get into the room. They checked the cameras, but no activity outside of the room. The police spoke with the front desk who stated no issues with that resident.

2:25 a.m. - There were people trying to get into the caller's room at Motel 6. No visual and there were people who don't like him. He wanted an officer "so he could get a lift home." Police sent. They checked the area and cameras reporting all was quiet. Male party was getting a Lyft home for evening.

8:11 p.m. - Police out at Walmart in regards to a report of red card fraud. Robens Juste, 31, of 36 Winston Road in Worcester, was arrested and charged with identity fraud and improper use under \$1,200

red card.

9:06 p.m. - Caller reported she believed there was someone outside her house at Nelson Avenue. Caller reported she received a Walmart package that was not addressed to her a couple of hours ago and brought it inside and she believed she had seen someone on foot in a white jacket about 10 minutes ago in the driveway. Police sent. They spoke with the caller and it appeared to have been a DoorDash order that was delivered to the wrong address.

Friday, January 17

10:36 a.m. - Caller reported vehicle blocking handicap ramp at Carnation Drive. The black Toyota was on state property and the caller could meet with police department. Police sent. They made contact and that vehicle was moved.

1:52 p.m. - A 911 caller stated previous employee came in and threatened to shoot the HR representative at Blaire House when she got outside. Female was hispanic, wearing pink sweat pants with a black sweater. Caller did not know ex employees name. Police sent and officer filed a report.

9:57 p.m. - Caller reported possibly intoxicated male party just got into a vehicle at Oakdale Liquors

and left heading sound on Main Street. Police sent. Michael Pariseau, 64, of 195 Hill St., in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with fourth or greater offense of OUI liquor.

Saturday, January 18

3:15 p.m. - Caller stated two men who appeared to be solicitors were turning door knobs on neighbor's doors at Heath Street. Driving around neighborhood in black Infiniti. Caller reported the Infiniti left the street and in an unknown direction of travel. Police sent and confirmed that they were solicitors working for Sun Company and would cease soliciting until they had proper permits.

11:22 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he came home and believed someone was in his basement at Leghorn Lane. Police sent and the house secured. Homeowner had left the television on.

Sunday, January 19

6:25 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she was attacked at Market Basket north. Caller refused to stay on scene or go to a safe location in Tewksbury to speak with officers. During the call, the female was en route home and stated she would report the incident tomorrow due to the storm. Officer filed a report.



Wilmington Police Log

New York resident arrested for OUI liquor

Friday, Jan. 10:

2:50 a.m.: An employee at the CVS on Main Street reported that a shoplifter had just left the store in a red vehicle, headed towards Santander Bank. The employee stated they were sure the man who owned the vehicle was the shoplifter, due to time stamps and pictures of who entered and left the store, and stated that the man tried to buy items about 10 minutes beforehand, but his card was declined. However, when police caught up with the car in question, the occupants stated they didn't take anything, and police didn't find anything when they checked a female passenger's bag and seat.

3:30 p.m.: Staff at Mayflower Detox on Middlesex Avenue reported an intoxicated man who was refusing to leave the property. The man was a new intake, but had been verbally abusing the staff, so staff denied him acceptance into the facility. The man eventually calmed down, and staff agreed to begin his intake paperwork.

4:42 p.m.: A walk-in party from Glen Road reported that an iPhone they were having delivered was stolen.

Saturday, Jan. 11:

1:02 a.m.: Hannah White

of 7779 Braniff Cir., in Cicero, NY, was arrested for OUI - Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a caller on Salem Street who reported a black 2018 Hyundai Elantra driving all over the road, driving over both the median and the sidewalk.

4:07 p.m.: A white 2018 Mazda CX-5 and a blue 2015 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Roosevelt Road. It's not known if anyone was injured, and a woman was taken back home by police.

10:18 p.m.: A green 2007 Toyota Rav4 and a black 2004 Dodge Ram were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. Airbags were deployed in one vehicle, and the DPW was notified to sand the road.

Sunday, Jan. 12:

4:47 a.m.: Isabel Lee Mirambeaux of 300 Methuen St., Apt. #405, in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license. This followed a stop of her gray 2015 Toyota Corolla on Middlesex Avenue, near the library.

4:49 p.m.: A caller on Douglas Avenue reported that her and her neighbor's mailboxes were destroyed sometime overnight. Another mailbox nearby was also damaged, with the resident there stating the mailbox was struck by a private plow contractor.

7:18 p.m.: Vladimir Barreau of 96 Sunset Ave., in Lawrence, was issued a summons for failure to stop/yield, a number plate violation to conceal ID, operation of an unregistered motor vehicle, and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his brown 2008 Dodge Caliber on the Rt. 62 highway.

Monday, Jan. 13:

2:15 a.m.: Amelia Kathleen Rose Horton of 4 Hillside Road, in North Reading, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of her brown 2001 Honda Civic on Lowell Street.

12:56 p.m.: A black 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a white 2019 Subaru Legacy were involved in a motor vehicle accident on High Street. No injuries were reported.

1:43 p.m.: A caller reported her black 2021 Ford F250 was sideswiped by a school van on Forest Street; no children were in the van.

Tuesday, Jan. 14:

2:01 p.m.: A white 2013 Acura TSX and a White 2023 GMC Sierra were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street. Airbags were deployed, but no injuries were reported.

6:52 p.m.: A walk-in party from Swain Road reported that his gray 2024 Hyundai Elantra was vandalized.

Wednesday, Jan. 15:

6:22 p.m.: A gray 2015 Toyota Avalon and a blue 2008 Saturn Vue were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Nichols Funeral Home on Middlesex

Avenue. No injuries were reported.

7:56 p.m.: A caller at the Pacific Grove on Lowell Street reported that he made a purchase online and believed he had been charged twice, and the caller and manager had a verbal dispute over it. The caller was advised to check his bank statements to confirm the issue.

8:25 p.m.: Loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported a past shoplifting.

Thursday, Jan. 16:

12:19 p.m.: A caller on Fordham Road requested officers, stating that a man who had previously been fired threatened to kill an employee, and had been stopped in the doorway by the operations manager. However, the caller was unable to give a description when asked, and when police spoke to the caller and co-workers, it was discovered that no one heard any threats that day. The caller was advised they could file a no trespass order to the man.

1:28 p.m.: Amedeo J Capione III of 20 Fay St., in

Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his black 2015 Acura TLX on Main Street.

3:34 p.m.: A red 2007 Kia Sorento and a blue 2009 Honda Civic were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Sonny's Mobile on the run on Lowell Street. The caller complained of injuries, three juveniles were in one of the vehicles, and one person complained of head pain.

Shriner's Children's Boston educates parents about dangers of frostbite

BOSTON — With periods of extreme cold and heavy snowfall a guarantee throughout the winter months, Shriners Children's Boston wants to remind parents about how to protect children and teens from getting frostbite.

Frostbite occurs when the tissues of the skin and often deeper structures freeze due to prolonged exposure to cold, especially in below-freezing temperatures. It can happen during prolonged exposure to cold weather, or even after a few minutes in extremely low temperatures.

Dr. Robert Sheridan with Shriners Children's Boston said babies and children are more likely to get frostbite than adults because their bodies lose heat up to four times faster. Cold winds also increase the possibility of frostbite because it takes body heat away from the skin more rapidly. Dr. Sheridan said children and teenagers may also not always recognize when they need to take a

break from playing outside because thinking can be impaired by extreme cold.

"The tricky thing about cold weather and frostbite is that when the body is exposed to very low temperatures, it tries to prevent heat loss by redirecting the blood away from the extremities such as fingers and toes," said Dr. Sheridan. "At the same time, that change in blood flow may cause people to lose some awareness of how cold their fingers and toes have become. So children and teens, may think they're fine to stay outside in cold temperatures much longer than they should be. If kids are playing outside in extreme cold, then they should be coming inside every 15 minutes or so to take a break and warm up."

Dr. Sheridan said making sure children are adequately prepared for cold temperatures when they go outside is important. Children tend to get frostbite on their fingers and toes along

with parts of their face, so making sure children have waterproof shoes, gloves, masks and clothing will help protect them.

Early signs of frostbite include the skin turning from red to extremely pale, losing feeling in the affected areas and the skin feeling hard or firm. While frostnip, a less serious condition, can be cured by warming the child up indoors, frostbite is considered a medical emergency and should be treated immediately.

"Many people don't realize that frostbite is often treated in burn units and because Shriners Children's Boston is a nationally accredited burn care facility, this is an area of expertise," said Dr. Sheridan. "And like all burns, the sooner your child receives care, the better their outcome will be."

For more information about cold weather tips and ways to avoid frostbite, go to Shriners Children's website at www.shrinerschildrens.org.

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Woltag named to President's List at Merrimack Coll.

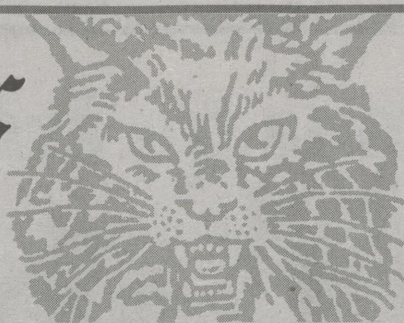
NORTH ANDOVER — Evan Woltag of Wilmington has been named to the President's List at Merrimack College for the fall semester of 2024.

He is the son of Robert Woltag and Christine Woltag of Wilmington. A Business major (with a minor in Finance & Theology), he is a freshman at Merrimack.

One of only two Catholic Augustinian colleges in the United States, Merrimack College is a rising institution with a decade-long trajectory of growth and innovation. Merrimack is a selective, research-oriented, master's comprehensive institution with approximately 5,700 undergraduate and gra-

duate students from 34 states and 36 countries, comprising schools of arts and sciences, engineering and computational sciences, nursing and health sciences, education and social policy, and business.

The college's 220-acre campus is just north of Boston in North Andover.



▲ **BOYS SHUTTLE HURDLES:**
Dylan Grace, Brayden Veazie, David Dynan and Ben Harris represented Wilmington in the shuttle hurdles.

(Courtesy photo)

Records fall for track teams at STATE RELAYS

By **DOUG HASTINGS**
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The Wilmington High boys and girls track teams had a successful day at the Division 4 State Relays at Reggie Lewis Center on January 19.

The girls placed 5th with a total of 29 points.

Medals were earned by the girls Shuttle Hurdles team of Abby Engvaldson, Avery King, Kaylin Mulik and Giselle Olatilu, who finished third in a new school record time of 33.36 seconds.

The boys set two new school records.

The 4 x 200 team of Martin Philiossaint, Marvin Jean, Cam Jenks and Ashvin Baker was 5th in 1:35.17, a new record.

The Boys Distance Medley group of Gavin Dong, Ashvin Baker, Cooper Holeran and Dean Ciampa was second in 11:06.99, also a school record.

Also taking second was the Boys Long Jump trio of Martin Philiossaint, Cam Jenks and Marvin Jean with a distance of 58 feet, 4 inches.

Other top performances for the girls was the Shuttle Dash foursome of Kayleigh Walker, Abby Howie, Cate MacDonald and Lexi LeBlanc, who was second in 25.90 seconds.

The Sprint Medley combination of Lexi LeBlanc, Cate MacDonald, Isabel Carriere and Charlotte Kiley was 7th in 4:32.05.

The 4 x 400 combination of Maeve White, Olivia Niceforo, Kaylin Mulik and

Isabel Carriere was eighth in 4:29.43 and the Shot Put trio of Julia Heller, Maddie Krueger, Abby Howie ended up fifth with a combined distance of 80 feet, 5.75 inches.

The High Jump trio of Abby Engvaldson, Kaylin Mulik and Giselle Olatilu was sixth with a distance of 13 feet, 3 inches.

The Long Jump group of Sam Glaser, Avery King and Lexi LeBlanc was 4th with a distance of 45 feet, 0.25 inches.

Also for the boys, the Shuttle Hurdles combination Dylan Grace, Ben Harris, Brayden Veazie and David Dynan was eighth in 32.03.

The track teams will next be competing at the State Coaches Invitational on Saturday, January 25,

2025 at Reggie Lewis Center.

The Wildcats finished up their dual meet season on January 15 in a meet against Wakefield High School at Boston University.

The girls team won by a score of 58-42 to up their record to 4-1 to finish second in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

The highlight for the girls was the 4 x 200 relay team of Kayleigh Walker, Cate MacDonald, Isabel Carriere and Lexi LeBlanc breaking the school record for the second time this season with their time of 1:49.40. This beat the time of 1:49.54 that they ran earlier this season.

The boys fell to Wakefield by a score of 66-34 to

drop their record to 2-3 to finish fourth in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

For the girls, other winners included Olatilu in the 55-meter hurdles (10.01), LeBlanc in the dash (7.57) and the long jump (16-3.25), Maeve White in the 600 (1:55.75), Isabel Carriere in the 300 (44.03) and Abby Howie in the shot put (30-4.5).

Adding second-place points was Abby Engvaldson in the hurdles, MacDonald in the dash, Kiley in the 1000, Celina Vo in the 300, Maddie Krueger in the shot put and Kaylin Mulik in the high jump.

Chipping in with third-place points were Olivia Niceforo in the 600, Bella Zaya in the 1000, Kaitlyn Shackelford in the two

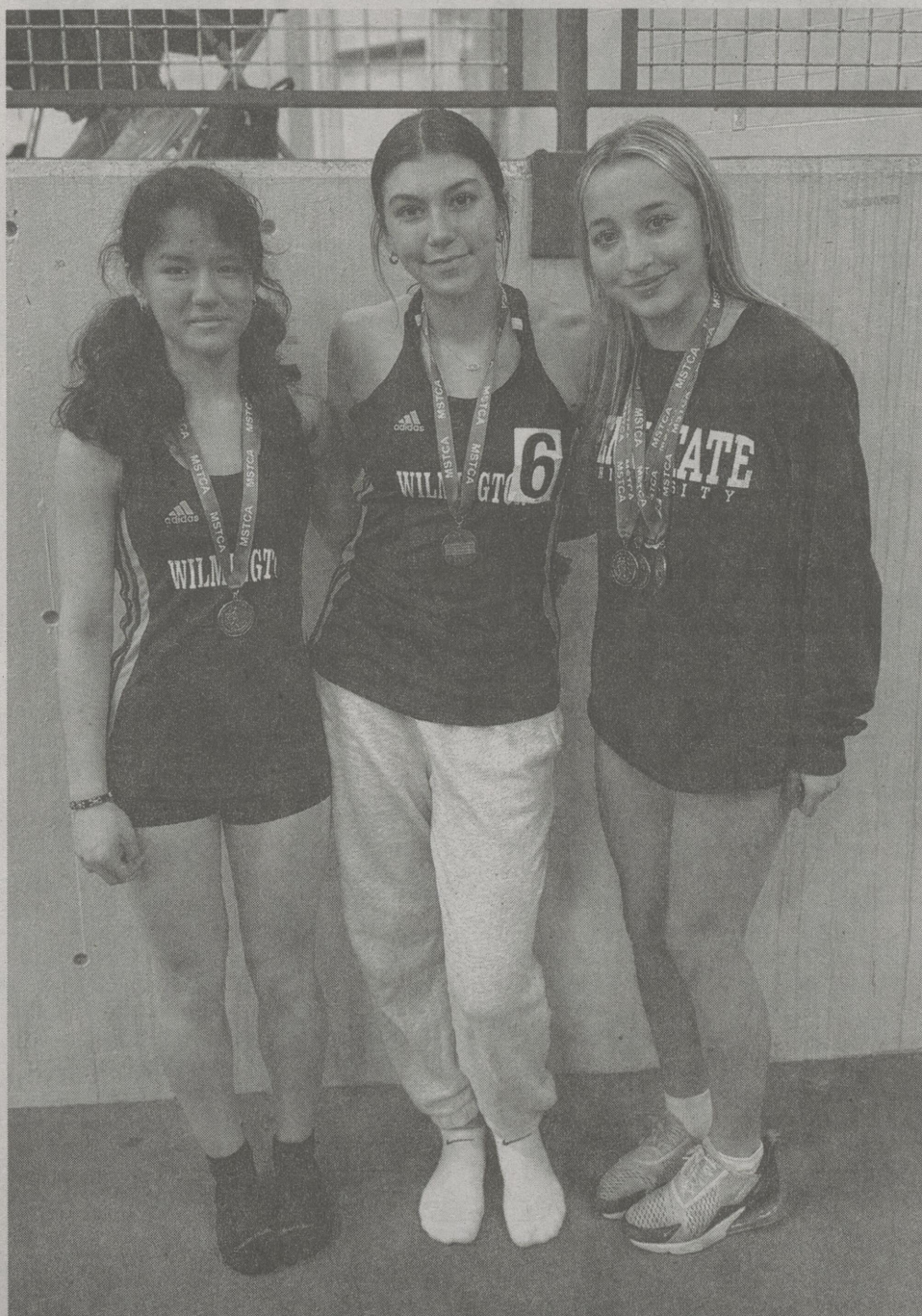
mile, Sam Glaser in the long jump and Olatilu in the high jump.

Taking first for the boys in 3:40.03 was the 4x400 relay team of Cam Jenks, Dean Ciampa, Gavin Dong and Ashvin Baker.

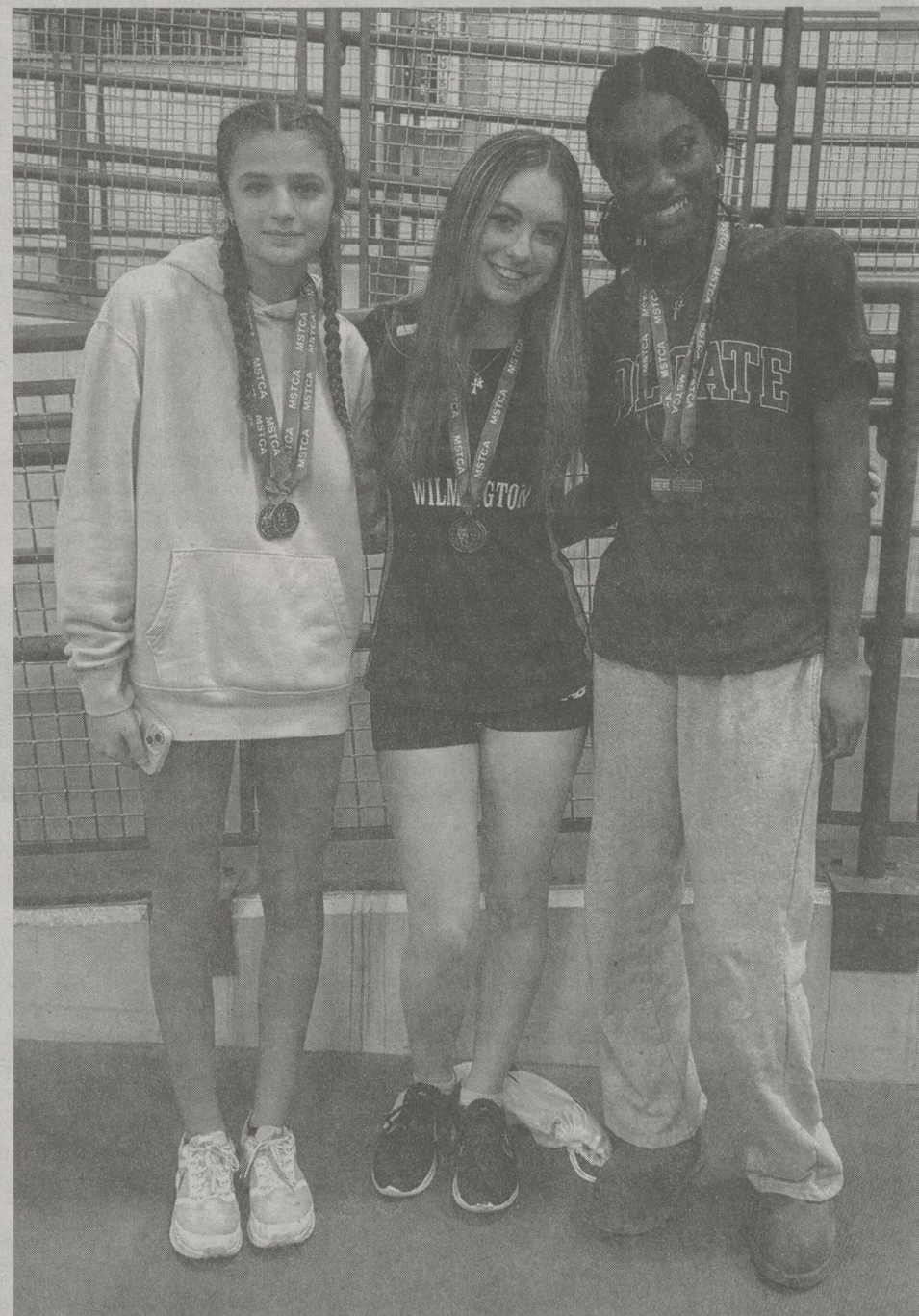
Philiossaint won the dash in 6.93, Baker won the 600 in 1:25.49 and Ciampa was first in the two mile in 10:26.8.

With second-place showing for WHS was Gavin Dong in the mile, Ben Harris in the high jump, Gabriel Borges in the shot put and Philiossaint in the long jump.

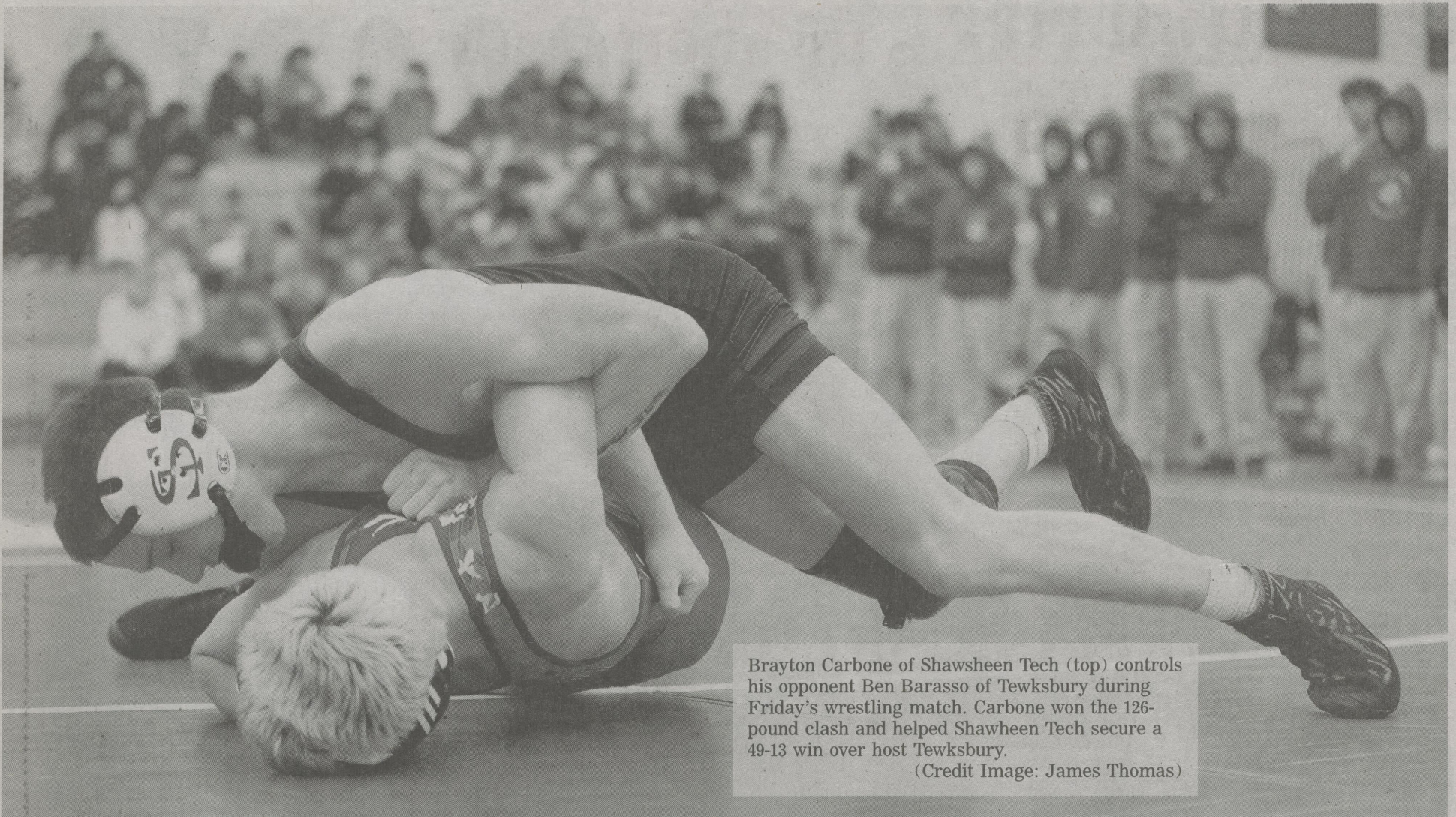
Additional third-place points were scored by Dylan Grace in the hurdles and Noah Matton in the shot put.



▲ **GIRLS LONG JUMP:**
The long jump relay for WHS at the relays included Sam Glaser, Avery King and Lexi LeBlanc.



▲ **GIRLS HIGH JUMP:**
Kaylin Mulik, Abigail Engvaldson and Giselle Olatilu were the high jump trio at the state relays for Wilmington.



Brayton Carbone of Shawsheen Tech (top) controls his opponent Ben Barasso of Tewksbury during Friday's wrestling match. Carbone won the 126-pound clash and helped Shawheen Tech secure a 49-13 win over host Tewksbury.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram wrestlers win tournament in Woburn

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The amazing season for the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team just keeps getting more amazing.

On Saturday, just a few hours after the Rams beat Tewksbury High by a 49-13 score, Shawsheen finished first at a tournament hosted by Woburn High.

Champions for Shawsheen included Dante Guisti at 120 pounds and James Tildsley at 150 pounds.

Second-place finishers included Bray Carbone at 126, Sid Tildsley at 138, Tristian Lane at 144, Quinn Carbone at 157 and Logan Holmes at 165.

The Rams also had a 47-26 win over Whittier Tech and went 5-0 at a recent dual meet event in Lowell with victories over Foxborough, Lowell, Milford, Bridgewater-Raynham and Mt. Anthony of Vermont, the defending state champions.

Undefeated wrestlers for Shawsheen in Lowell included Jayden Perez at 106 pounds, Guisti at 120 pounds, James Tildsley at 150 pounds and Holmes at 157.

GIRLS HOOP TEAM EARNS THIRD WIN

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is 3-6 as the halfway point of the season approaches.

On Jan. 14, the Rams defeated Lowell Catholic by a 56-36 score for their third win of the campaign. Other Shawsheen wins have come against Northeast Regional by a 49-24 score on Jan. 7 and a season-opening triumph over Notre Dame Academy on Dec. 16, 24-15.

On Jan. 19, Shawsheen lost by a 39-38 score against Mystic Valley.

Laylah Gomez led the Rams with 13 points in the loss and Izzy Ferguson scored seven.

Shawsheen trailed 24-21 after three quarters and nearly rallied for the victory in a tight contest.

In a 43-34 defeat at the hands of Greater Lowell, Madison Robitaille led the Rams with 11 points and hit two 3-pointers. Krissy MacDonald added seven points.

A balanced attack led Shawsheen in the Lowell Catholic win.

Melissa Cafaro scored a team-high 11 points, Krystal Wells added 10 and Fiona Rexford chipped in with nine. MacDonald con-

tributed seven points.

Rexford's 14 points led the way against North-east.

Wells and Jailyn DiNuccio scored 10 and eight points, respectively.

BOYS HOCKEY PLAYING WELL

Shawsheen Tech's boys hockey team lost a 3-2 thriller to Medfield on Monday afternoon, dropping the Rams to 7-3-1 on the season.

Despite the defeat, Shawsheen is in the midst of another impressive season.

Shawsheen led 2-1 after one period against Medfield.

Freshman Josh Baker made it 1-0 with a goal assisted by junior Jacoby Patterson and junior Justin Thibert.

Thibert's goal made it 2-0, assisted by Patterson and Baker.

Medfield scored late in the first period and then added one goal in the opening five minutes of the second and third periods to take the lead.

The Rams nearly tied the score in the closing moments of the game.

Shawsheen blew out Rockport in other recent action, 8-0.

Seven different players had goals for the Rams.

Thibert scored twice while individual tallies went to Ben Gibbons, Justin Harrington, Dylan Minasian, Jason Spaniol, Brayden Johnson and Joe DaSilva.

Chipping in with assists were Dylan Higson, Zack

Timmons, Cam Splaine, Larry Cullity, Harrison Shannon, Jake Carr, Cam Banda, Minasian, Baker, DaSilva and Thibert.

Goalie Aidan Fortunato and a solid Shawsheen defense kept Rockport off the scoresheet.

Shawsheen next plays Northeast at home on Thursday night at 7:10 p.m. at the Hallenborg Rink.

BOYS BASKETBALL 9-1

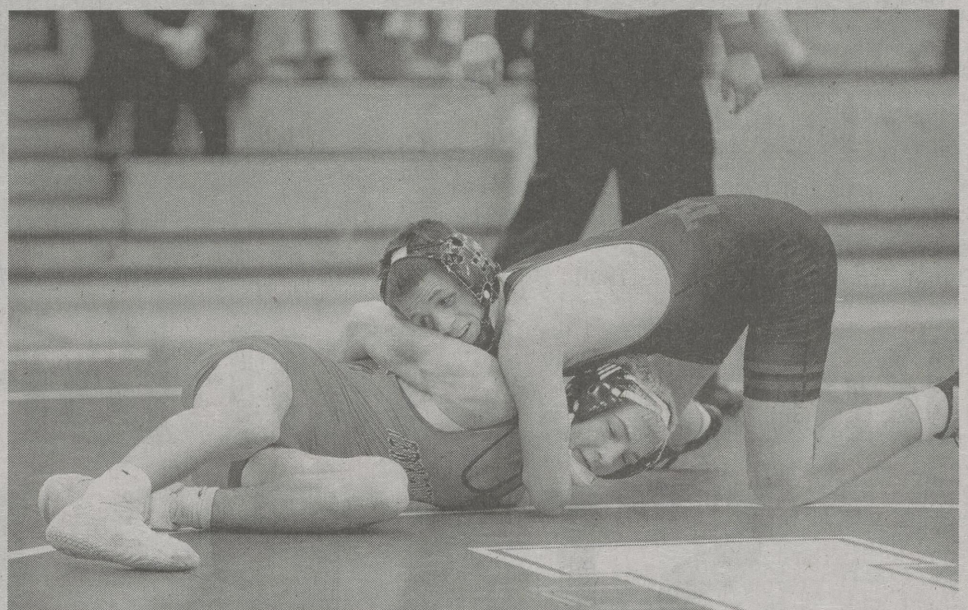
After suffering its first defeat of the year on Jan. 7 against Greater Lawrence by a 52-48 score, the Shawsheen Tech basketball team got back on the winning track in recent play with three straight wins, beating Greater Lowell and Worcester Tech twice. The Rams have an interesting schedule upcoming with a Tuesday game at home against Whittier, a Sunday trip to Lynnfield at 2:30 p.m. and a game next Wednesday night against Reading at home starting at 7 p.m.

► Shawsheen Valley Tech's Franck Moron makes a jump shot as he is defended by Yadiel Delgado of Greater Lowell Tech during Tuesday's boys basketball game in Tyngsboro.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

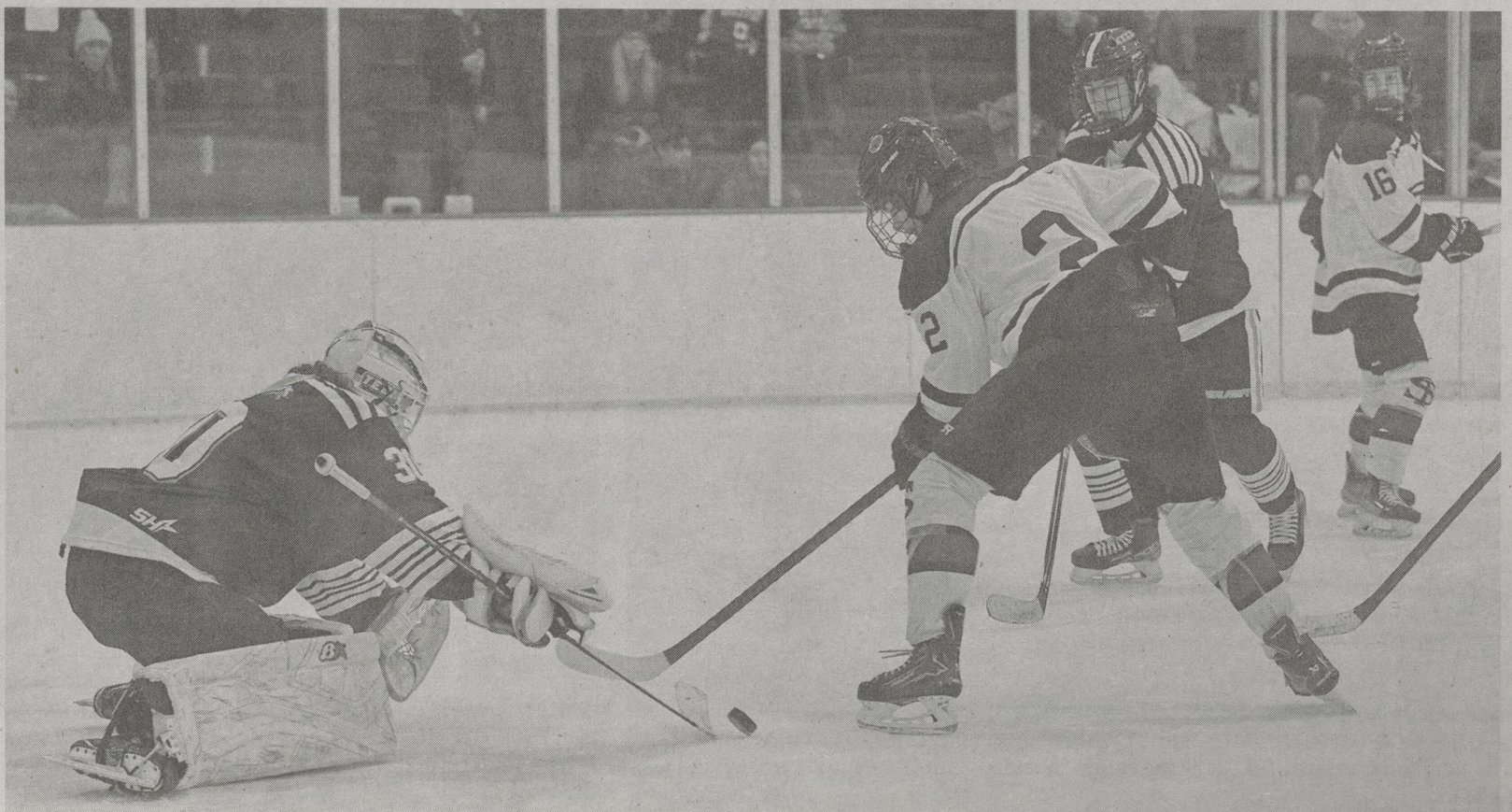
▼ Shawsheen's Zack Timmons looks to score against Nashoba.

(Joe Brown photo)



▲ Shawsheen Tech's Sid Tildsley (top) controls his opponent Sean Callahan of Tewksbury during Friday's wrestling match. Tildsley won the 138lb clash by pin and helped Shawheen Tech secure a 49-13 over host Tewksbury.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)



Boys hockey comes up short against Burlington



▲ Emrick O'Brien makes a play for the Wildcats. (Doug Hastings photo)

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The Wilmington High boys hockey team played hard, but fell to Burlington on Saturday at Burlington's Ice Palace, 4-1. Burlington's offense was led by freshman Nick Tulipano, who had a three-point day (goal and two assists) and a stout defense led by senior goaltender Camden Shanahan, who made 17 saves on the day, the only blip being a late Wilmington goal. It was the first goal he had allowed in four home

games. Burlington opened the game with a strong first period, outshooting the Wildcats by a 17-6 count. Senior captain Jake Sloan got the Red Devils out to a 1-0 lead when he cruised into the right face-off circle and shifted to his backhand and flipped one over the shoulder of Wilmington goalie Tyler Marinho (29 saves). Early in the second period, the Devils drew a penalty and went to work on the power play. After the power play got set up in the zone, James Gordon slid a pass to Tu-

lipano, who fired a snapshot through a screen that broke through Marinho for a 2-0 lead. Sloan also added an assist on the power-play marker. Wilmington threatened to get on the board in the middle of the second period when Matt O'Brien had chance in tight, but Shanahan made the save with his left shoulder. Burlington stretched the lead to 3-0 in the third period when Gordon broke loose in the slot and fired a wrist shot that got through Marinho's glove. Tulipano and senior Nolan Jennings assisted.

The power play, which had struggled to date this season went back to work later in the third period and this time Jennings re-directed a shot at the crease for a 4-0 lead. Tulipano and Wyatt Condon assisted. All the drama that was left was it Shanahan could keep his shutout streak alive when Maxwell Bagtaz spoiled the streak popping home a rebound goal, set up by Brady Cabral and Brennan Walsh. After a Wednesday game against Woburn, the Wildcats (3-8) play Belmont on Friday at Watertown's Ryan Rink at 7:50 p.m.

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Boys basketball improves to 6-5

The Wilmington High boys basketball team moved its overall record to 6-5 on Monday with a win against Dracut. The Wildcats topped the Middies, 66-48. The win was a rebound from Wilmington's loss in Burlington last Friday, 52-39 in a Middlesex League Freedom Division battle. Burlington broke out to a 12-5 lead and got balanced scoring in the first quarter with Matty Gray, Justin Gray, Ryan Ellis, and Anthony Gerrior all chipping in. Wilmington answered with a 16-point second quarter to cut the half-time lead to 25-21. Ryan Gray and Aiden Balter had key buckets in the quarter as Burlington got into some foul trouble. Gerrior kept the Devils ahead with both a traditional three-point play, as well as a three-point shot (he missed the free throw for a potential four-point play). In the third quarter, Shannon took over, adding a couple of transition layups and a clutch three pointer to extend the Burlington lead.

Burlington's defensive intensity ramped up with a couple of huge blocks from Matty Gray and sophomore Leon Sekandi. The blocks drew the ire of the Wilmington coaching staff who were assessed a technical foul. Wilmington pushed in the fourth quarter, feeding their big man Balter, who scored eight of his team high 14 points in the final quarter. The game was still tight when both Justin Gray and Sekandi fouled out. Enter senior Jack Mercier who has seen limited time this season but came in and played physical against Balter in the paint to close out the game. Before Burlington, Wilmington beat Woburn, 54-33. The game was quite competitive through the first half, with Wilmington leading by as much as 10 points but Woburn going on runs to close the gap to within a possession. Trailing by three at the half, 22-19, the Tanners were ready to play even better in the third quarter, only to have the 'Cats



▲ Connor Sullivan helped the Wildcats beat Melrose on Friday. (Doug Hastings photo)

go on an 11-0 run to take a commanding, 14-point lead, 35-21. Woburn got no closer than 12 points the rest of the way. Wilmington was led by its starting five, which accounted for 51 of the team's 54 points, led by

junior co-captain Ryan Gray with a game-high 20. Big men have created problems this season for the Tanners, and Wildcats' center Ayden Balter was a menace on the boards and in the paint, scoring 13 points while hauling in numerous rebounds and

blocking several shots. Woburn was led by senior Mikey Sullivan, who hit two 3-pointers while scoring a team-high 12 points. Woburn took its only lead of the game early on. Gray hit the first of his trio of threes to give Wilmington a 5-2 lead, and then Sullivan scored the next five points, including a trey to put the Tanners in front, 7-5. The Wildcats closed out the quarter on a 9-0 run to take a 14-7 lead after one. Connor Sullivan got the run in motion with an inside basket, and then he assisted on buckets by Gray and Balter, before Gray closed the quarter with his second triple, this off a pass from Roman Synnott. Gray fed Synnott for a three to start the second quarter, and the Wilmington run extended to 12-0, and the lead to 10 points, 17-7. Junior Girmani Francois ended the run with a steal and layup, but the Wildcats came right back with Gray finding Balter down low for an easy basket and a 19-9 lead.

Woburn closed out the rest of the second quarter on a 10-3 run, offering hope for the second half by closing the gap to three, 22-19. Senior Nick DiFelice got it started with a pair of free throws, Girmani scored again and Mikey Sullivan knocked down his second 3-pointer. Jairus Tushabe found Chris Chiodo for two more points and Jacoby Altman hit one of two free throws to close the run. It was 24-21, early in the third, when back-to-back threes by Balter and Gray got the Wildcats rolling. Connor Sullivan kept Wilmington going forward with a basket, and when Synnott executed a three-point play, the Wildcats had a 35-21 lead. It was 39-23 after three, and four-for-four free throws from Mikey Sullivan gave the Tanners a glimmer of hope. A triple from Connor Sullivan, two free throws from Gray and back-to-back layups for Balter put the game out of reach. After visiting Belmont on Tuesday, Wilmington plays in Reading on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Girls basketball falls to Burlington, 37-36

Burlington High senior captain Savanna Scali notched her 1,000th career point on a driving layup early in the first quarter in the Red Devils 37-36 win at Vanella gymnasium over Wilmington on Friday night. Wilmington senior captain Eva Boudreau, who had 11 first half points, was 27 short of the 1,000-point milestone herself entering the game. It was a slow starting

first quarter for the Devils falling behind 16-9, thanks mostly to the aforementioned efforts of Boudreau. As for the record, Scali entered the game just four points away, and that was taken care of early in the game as Scali made a typical move down the right

side of the key and feathered one off the glass, prompting a stoppage and celebration with teammates, family, and friends. Burlington cut into the lead in the second quarter thanks in large part to their team defense which only allowed four Wilmington points in the quarter

allowing the Devils to cut the lead to 20-18 at half-time. The Devils pulled ahead in the third quarter. Scali connected on a driving layup and a three pointer, and senior Madison King added two hoops in transition. The defense stayed strong allowing just one Wilmington field goal in the third quarter and Burlington led, 31-25. Burlington held on in the fourth with a couple key plays including a clutch three pointer from Erin Reilly, some free throws from Scali, and senior Merin Jones who took a charge from Boudreau. However, the game came down to the final seconds and Wilmington had a chance as Boudreau fired a baseball throw from before



▲ Wilmington's Leah Murphy (33) moves the ball up the court during Friday's girls basketball game against Burlington. Wilmington fell 37-36 to host Burlington. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



► Burlington's Erin Reilly (left) drives past Wilmington's Alle Delgenio (14) on the way to the basket during Friday's girls basketball game. Burlington netted a 37-36 win at home. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



half court which rimmed out, allowing Burlington to escape with the victory.

After hosting Belmont on Tuesday, Wilmington (3-7) plays in Reading on Friday.



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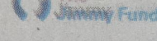
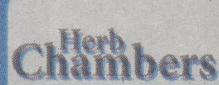
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OBITUARIES

Roger J. Lessard

Former building supt. in Wilmington

Roger J. Lessard, of Peabody, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2025, at the Salem Hospital.

Roger was the beloved husband of Beth J. (Latty) Lessard, devoted father of Lisa M. Fountain of Manchester, NH, Correen M. McNiff of Pelham, NH, Kari A. Lessard and wife Kerrie Ganley of Dracut, and Joseph J. Lessard of New York.

Loving grandfather of Courtney, Tyler, Blythe, Fallon, Jackson, and Delaney.

Dear son of the late John and Marjorie (Owens) Lessard and brother of Gary Lessard of Hudson, NH.

Roger served the Town of Wilmington in several capacities and on various boards throughout the years; he retired as the Superintendent of Public Buildings following many years of dedication to the

community.

At Roger's request, all services will be private.

Donations in Roger's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Joseph F. 'Joe' McCarthy

Served in the US Army during WWII

Joseph F. "Joe" McCarthy, age 103, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 8, 2025.

Joe was born on July 24, 1921, in Somerville; he was the cherished son of the late Joseph L. and Mary (Corbet) McCarthy. Joe was raised in Somerville and graduated from Somerville High School.

Following graduation, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army on Aug. 29, 1942. He served during WWII, where he earned the Bronze Star for his heroic service. Joe was stationed in Oklahoma, where he met his wife Marilyn (Damron) McCarthy.

Joe and Marilyn were married on May 6, 1944, and moved back to Massachusetts after Joe was honorably discharged on Dec. 9, 1945. They spent

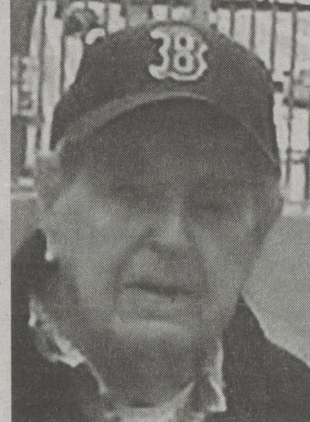
several years in Somerville with their three children, James, Frances and Robert, before settling in Wilmington in 1961.

Joe and Marilyn loved to travel and spent time with the Organ Club Square Dancing. They were active in the Wilmington community and enjoyed the activities at the Wilmington Senior Center.

Joe was the beloved husband of the late Marilyn McCarthy, devoted father of James J. McCarthy and his wife Christine of Billerica, the late Frances A. "Sissy" Dalton and Robert P. McCarthy and his late wife Linda of Ashburnham.

Joe was the loving grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt.



62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 2 - 4 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at noon. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Joe's name may be made to Local Heroes, P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Cecilia F. 'Ce' (Grassia) Miller

Custodian at Wilmington Public Schools

Cecilia F. (Grassia) Miller, fondly known as "Ce" to her family and friends, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2025, surrounded by family. She was 88 years old.

Ce was born on July 18, 1936, in Somerville; she was the cherished daughter of the late Angelo and Thelma (Blythe) Grassia. As a young girl, Ce was raised in Somerville and attended Somerville schools before moving to Wilmington as a teenager.

Ce went on to graduate from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1953.

Ce married the love of her life, Frederick Miller, on May 23, 1956; the couple made their home in Wilmington where they raised their family.

Ce was very devoted to her family; she was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She loved spending time at her home and her door was always open to family and friends.

Ce also enjoyed heading to their family cottage at the beach in Winthrop when her children were small. Ce attended countless school and sporting events throughout the years; she was always there to "root on" her children especially her son Freddie as he participated in the yearly Special Olympics.

Ce was very proud of her family and their accomplishments; she looked forward to family holidays and special events and she treasured the time she spent with her grandchild-

dren.

Ce had many hobbies; she enjoyed crocheting, playing weekly bingo, dancing. She was proud of taking "Fred Astaire" dance lessons, and going to the movies. She looked forward to her weekly bowling league where she made many friends and loved to socialize.

Ce would often be found cruising around in her convertible with her beloved Fred at her side; the couple were inseparable and shared many wonderful times together before his untimely death.

In her later years, Ce would often be found with her friends fondly known as the "widows club" heading out for their weekly lunch or coffee at Donna's Donut Shop.

Ce was a hard worker throughout her life; prior to retiring she worked for the Wilmington Public Schools as a custodian. Ce had a great rapport with her co-workers, the faculty and the students; she went out of her way to help anyone in need and never expected anything in return.

Ce will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady; she loved her family and friends with all her heart, and she will forever be missed.

Ce was the beloved wife of the late Frederick Miller, devoted mother of Cherylanne Pucillo and her husband Mark of Chester, NH, Karl Miller of Londonderry, NH, Meg Nicoli and her husband Jim of Methuen, the late Glen Miller, and the late Freddie



Miller.

She was the loving "Nana Miller" of David Sullivan, Terry Williams and her husband Davey, Courtney Morris and her husband Duncan, Krystal Alfreds and her husband Charlie, Amanda Barnes and her fiancé Jeremy Scott, and her great-grandchildren Sydney Sullivan, Kaitlyn, Tori, and Frankie Alfreds.

She was the dear sister of Ralph Grassia and Margaret Cornish both of Wilmington.

Ce is further survived by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends are welcome to gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 4 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cecilia's memory may be made to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, P.O. Box 809, Hudson, MA 01749-0809.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com.

Take some time to discover Albania

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

We had the incredible opportunity recently to visit a country that many people have not even thought of as a tourist destination — Albania. Off the beaten path and until the 1990s closed to the outside world, Albania is a Balkan country that is every bit as beautiful and welcoming as its more well-known neighbors Greece and Croatia.

Albania is across the Adriatic and Ionian seas from Italy, and shares a border with several countries that were part of the former Yugoslavia — North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Kosovo. It has a beautiful coastline and miles of beaches in the south, mountains to rival the Alps in the north, and an interior of hills and valleys, rivers and Blue Eyes that make it easy to understand why it was so heavily sought after by the most ancient of peoples from Rome to Greece to the Ottoman Empire.

We started our journey in the capital city of Tirana. A safe and walkable city easily covered in one or two days; its brutalist architecture is mixed with ancient features such as Tanners' Bridge, an 18th century footbridge preserved right along a busy sidewalk. As in other European cities, smoking is common and café culture abounds.

No one makes appointments we were told — if you see a friend on the street you just sit at the café and have an espresso and catch up.

Museums are dedicated to telling the brutal history of dictator Enver Hoxha and those who bravely resisted. The national museum was under renovation but promises to be the centerpiece of the impressive Skanderbeg Square — the city's ode to its hero Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg, who ran the Ottoman Turks out of Albania (and the rest of the Balkans) in the 1400s.

The food we had was delicious, plentiful and fresh. Chains have not taken hold because people really like their traditional dishes. Baked casseroles of meat and cheese, beans and vegetables served with fresh baked bread is standard.

We enjoyed byrek or burek — flaky pastry with cheese or spinach inside, very similar to the Greek spanakopita or the Armenian boreg — street food and sold at little hole-in-the-wall shops. We were advised to drink bottled water on our visit as the water system is old and needs upgrading.

Renting a car, we visited Kruje castle, a 15th century fortification perched high on a hill in the birth city of Skanderbeg. Most exhibits were in English and Albania, though their translations need some work. The museum showcases the fearless fighter and his efforts on behalf of his country.

From there we traveled to Berat, a UNESCO world heritage site that is one of the most enduring examples of Ottoman architecture. Gorgeous and walkable, the city of 1,000 windows sits along the Osum River. Holiday decorations sparkled along the promenade as people typically walk after dinner to socialize and exercise.

From Berat we visited the seaside resort city of Sarande. For December, the weather was clear and in the low 60s. On the way, we drove the through the Llogora Pass National Park, a road of switchbacks and steep cliffs offering stunning views out to Vlore, soon to host a seasonal airport and purportedly a Trump-owned resort.

Sarande is a 30-minute ferry ride to Corfu and is very popular with Europeans and much cheaper than other beach resorts in Croatia, Italy and Greece. The area is also a hotspot for Americans and Canadians looking for a vacation home and a good base from which to tour other countries.



▲ The ancient city of Butrint — the walls have been standing for 2,000 years.

Nearby Sarande is Butrint, a UNESCO world heritage and archeological site. Inhabited since the earliest times, Butrint has an amphitheater, castle and ruins from 2 AD. It seems the location was ideal for habitation and was at the crossroads of Greece and Italy for trade.

Romans, Greeks and everyone in between had some claim to the site since the Iron Age. And while we felt like we were at the end of the earth, we actually met a couple from Tewksbury who were also travelling in the area.

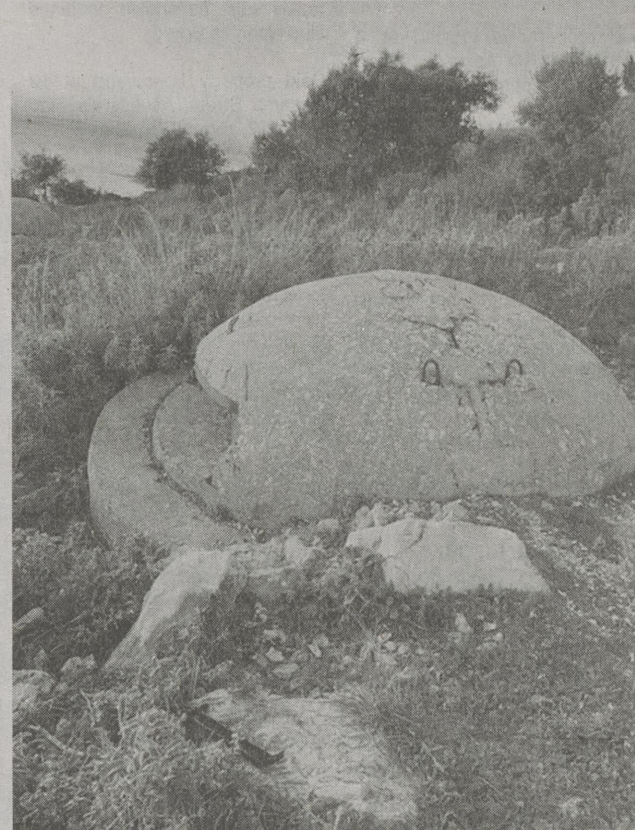
On the way back to Tirana, we saw sheep and cow herds on the new highway. This is due to grazing land that has been cut in half by development and illustrates the exact challenge this country has and the realities it has to straddle.

We saw turkey herders, groves of orange and olive trees, and so many homes that are self-contained farms within their walls. Rest stop pullouts had fish tanks with a daily catch for sale along with honey and other homemade items.

And we can't end our story about Albania with-

out mentioning the bunkers. A fascinating feature of the country are the concrete bunkers built by the hundreds of thousands at the direction of Hoxha. The communist leader was so paranoid and cut off from the outside world he thought that Albania was going to be invaded. Albania has never been attacked and the bunkers sit and crumble.

Embracing a new culture and leaving any expectations at the door made our trip so rewarding. I hope you'll consider Albania as a destination, or as part of a larger Balkan itinerary. You'll find it fascinating and beautiful and unspoiled by over tourism — a truly undiscovered part of Europe!



▲ Concrete bunkers are all over Albania — remnants of a communist past.



▲ Tave Dheu, an example of a beloved baked casserole meal. (Paige Impink photos)

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 30, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**, in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by **Anthony Paula** for a variance under Section 5.3.2 for front setbacks & a special permit under Section 8.1.1.C of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, from minimum required setbacks the alteration of a previously nonconforming structure to construct a 14'x14' 1 story office addition with a 2nd floor deck as shown on plans filed with the Board.

Said property is located at **54 BAY STATE RD.** Assessor's Map 93, Lot 189 zoned Residence 40 (R40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 30, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**, in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by **Jonathan R Stark-Sachs** under MA General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 8 as a Party Aggrieved by a decision made by the Building Inspector in a letter dated November 20, 2024, to construct (2) new single-family dwellings located on Harrison Rd.

Said property is located at **0 HARRISON RD.** Assessor's Map 18, Lot 79 zoned Residence 40 (R40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
LEGAL NOTICEDevonshire Road Sewer Pump
Station Improvements Project

Town of Tewksbury, MA (Owner) invites sealed Bids for Devonshire Road Sewer Pump Station Improvements Project, Contract #PW-24-09, which generally includes replacement of a backup generator, electrical enclosure, two submersible pumps, equipment pads, and landscaping improvements. Substantial Completion: within 400 days. Final Completion: within 430 days.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS
ANDOVER ST. AT AMES POND
DR. TRAFFIC SIGNAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CONTRACT PW-25-04

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for Andover Street/Ames pond Drive Traffic Signal Improvements Project, contract PW-25-04, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until **10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 13, 2025**, at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work under this contract consists of furnishing all necessary labor, materials, tools, and equipment to complete traffic signal improvements as de-

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

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Said property is located at **144 PLEASANT ST.** Assessor's Map 44, Lot 144 zoned Residence 40 (R40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Donald McLaren for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 10 Sesame Street, Assessor's Map 9, Lot 52, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
1/23, 30/25

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 30, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Solder On c/o Rick Reid** for a variance under Section 5.3.1 E5, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for relief from the maximum allowed height of a flagpole in order to install 30' flagpole as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **1660 Main Street** Assessor's Map 73, Lot 40 zoned Mixed Use Business.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
1/16, 23/25

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR
DETERMINATION OF
APPLICABILITY (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **February 5, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**, located at **Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Marina Joaquin for removal of trees within 100' of bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at **44 CALIFORNIA RD TEWKSBURY, MA ASSESSOR'S MAP 82-19.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
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All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project.

By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.

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is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

This contract has been written in conformance with the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, 2024 EDITION; SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS, DATED

JUNE 30, 2024; MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION STANDARD DETAILS, DATED OCTOBER 2017. Additional supplemental specifications have been added where applicable and will govern in the contract.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **February 4, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA to amend the Site Plan Review Rules and Regulations and Rules and Regulations Governing Special Permits.

A copy of each of the amended Rules and Regulations are on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed amendments, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

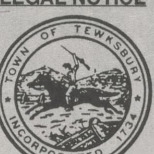
The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **February 4, 2025, at 8:05 p.m.** in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #25-03, rendering dated October 7, 2024, prepared by MetroSign, 170 Lorum Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. The application is for the installation of one 131.89sf wall sign. Said property is located at 80 Industrial Way and shown on Assessor's Map 56 Parcel 104.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR
DETERMINATION OF
APPLICABILITY (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **February 8, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**, located at **Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a RDA application filed by Andrew Stack for asphalt leveling, patching and paving within 100' of bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at Various Locations on Fiske St, Walnut Rd, and Chestnut Rd in Town Right of Way.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Mark Krasnyansky, 116 Burlington Ave LLC., 9 Revere Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to construct a single-family dwelling, deck, driveway, rooftop infiltration, driveway infiltration, subsurface sewage disposal system, retaining wall, post-and-rail fence, cut trees, grading, and associated utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and 200-foot Riverfront Area as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 9 Safford Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on the Assessor's Map 17 Parcel 10. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2025 at 8:20 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #25-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #25-01, for Section 6.6.7.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #25-01, and Sign Special Permit #25-01, plan entitled, "Plans to Accompany Permit Documents for Warehouse Facility, 800 Salem Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated October 6, 2022, last revised January 8, 2025, prepared by Todd P. Morey, P.E., Beals Associates, Inc., 2 Park Plaza Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116 and Steven M. Horsfall, P.L.S., Kelly Engineering Group, 0 Campanelli Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for the modification of existing parking and loading areas to accommodate a tenant that provides delivery services. Said property is located at 800 Salem Street and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 24.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **February 5, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. within the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for a NOI application filed by Andrew Stack for Sidewalk Improvement within 100' of a bordering vegetative wetland.

The property subject to this application is located at Whipple Road.

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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LEGAL NOTICE

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Mark Krasnyansky, 116 Burlington Ave LLC., 9 Revere Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is to widen, extend and pave Safford Street, construct a roadway turnaround, curbing, cut and clear vegetation, landscaping, remove catch basin, drainage, grading, and associated utilities. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and 200-foot Riverfront Area as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 7 Safford Street and within the Safford Street Right of Way, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on the Assessor's Map 17 Parcel 11. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-F and 81-G, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 8:10 p.m.** in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the 81G Roadway Improvement Plan Application #25-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #25-02, submitted by Mark Krasnyansky, 4 Presidential Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, seeking to provide roadway improvements within Safford Street for the construction of two single-family dwellings located on Assessor's Map 17 Parcels 10, 11, and 12 as shown on plan entitled: "Roadway Improvement Plan, Safford Street, Town of Wilmington"; dated November 25, prepared by Luke J. Roy, P.E., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

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Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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Beware of fake EZ Pass text messages

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

If you've received texts recently telling you there is an issue with your EZ Pass account, it's a scam. According to MassDOT, fraudulent text messages are appearing on customer cell phones claiming to represent tolling agencies from across the country and requesting payment for unpaid tolls.

These fake texts are a form of smishing, a method of using text messages, known as SMS messages, and phishing, a way to cast around for hits, or clicks by unsuspecting victims. Messages are designed to appear credible and ur-

gent to invoke a response from a user.

Once clicked, the message can download malware or collect personal details. Sadly, the victim often provides credit card data or other sensitive information and winds up unwittingly consenting to payment being accessed by cyber criminals.

First and foremost, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation will not reach out to customers via text message for payment of accounts, so anyone receiving a message should be alerted instantly it is fake. Customers are asked if they receive a message to copy down the telephone number from which the message orig-

inated along with the link that is in the message.

Do not click on the link. File a complaint can with the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/> and then delete the text.

This smishing scam is part of a series of smishing scams that the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint center is aware of. Since March 2024, the agency has been tracking these scams. More can be learned at <https://www.ic3.gov/PSA/2024/PSA240412>

The only way EZ Pass customers should check their accounts is via the tolling site's webpage which in Massachusetts is <https://www.mass.gov/ezdrivema> and New Hampshire is <https://www.ezpassnh.com/>.

According to MassDOT, the numbers that are being targeted are random, and not always associated with a toll account or any use of toll roads.

If an email was clicked or any personal information was provided, it is recommended to take steps immediately to secure your personal information and financial accounts and dispute any unfamiliar charges.

MassDOT encourages all customers to stay alert to these types of scams and to contact them at <https://www.ezdrivema.com/> with any questions about EZ DriveMA notifications.

Commonwealth of Virginia most recent state to ratify ERA

ERA FROM PAGE 1

quired 38 state ratification, the National Archives has declined to certify the amendment as part of the U.S. Constitution because the deadline expired.

One major legal authority, The American Bar Association, has recognized that the ERA cleared all necessary hurdles to be formally added to the U.S. Constitution as the 28th Amendment.

According to the official White House website, on Jan. 17, 2025, President Biden announced, "In keeping with my oath and duty to Constitution and Country, I affirm what I believe and what three-fourths of the states have ratified: the 28th Amendment is the law of the land, guaranteeing all Americans equal rights and protections under the law regardless of their sex."

This public statement of support implies that the

ERA is now considered law; however, President Biden did not direct the leader of the National Archives, Colleen Shogan, to certify the amendment.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that President Biden's Hail Mary of support on this issue will have any legally binding impact.

According to a statement from Shogan, Congress and the courts would need to take further action to lift the deadline for the amendment to be ratified.

ERA proponents argue that the deadline is not binding because it is in the preamble to the amendment and not in the text of the amendment itself.

Outgoing Vice President Kamala Harris also released a statement regarding the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Harris stated, "Equality is a fundamental promise of our democracy. That is why the Equal Rights Amendment belongs in our Constitution. It makes our nation stronger, and it is the law of the land because the American people have spoken in states across our nation."

The hope is that both former Vice President Harris and President Biden's statements of support will, at the very least, bring light to this issue, and it is probable that many Americans may not even be aware of the fact that the women of our country are still not legally protected by our Constitution.

The incoming Trump administration has been historically less supportive of women's rights.

The first Trump administration attacked women's rights on a broad range of issues, most notably taking credit for the overturning of Roe vs Wade.

Vice President JD Vance has also made several public comments against feminism, including his 2021 comment that went viral when he complained that the country was being run by "a bunch of childless cat ladies who are miserable at their own lives and the choices that they have made."

As a new era unfolds with the beginning of a second Trump administration, it is unclear what the future will hold for the female population of our country, but President Trump has been known to change his standing on certain issues.

On day one, President Trump has already changed his opinion on banning the Chinese-owned Tik Tok app. Hopefully he will give the rights of the women of the United States the same consideration.

LEGAL NOTICE



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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C1185CA

In the matter of:
Dominic Christopher Cohen

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Dominic Christopher Cohen of Tewksbury MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to: Kit Vivian Zephyra

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/23/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 26, 2024
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2025, at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #25-02, plan entitled, "203 Lowell Street, Building B", dated December 23, 2024, prepared by AAA Signage Inc., Medford, MA. The application is for the installation of four wall signs. Said property is located at 203 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 48 Parcel 73.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
1/16, 23/25

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TRUST CITATION

Docket No. MI06P1595AT2

In the matter of:
Kenneth M. Countie

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: Kenneth J. Countie of Tewksbury MA requesting that this Honorable Court remove Tracy

Conley of Unknown as Trustee of the Colby Ste. Marie Supplemental Trust and grant any other relief prayed for in the Petition dated January 6, 2025 in accordance with M.G.L. c. 203E.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/11/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 14, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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Committee members appreciative of work of music department

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in December. On May 6 will be the all strings concert, and the elementary orchestra would hold a concert on May 27 at the town common.

The Wildcat Marching Band played the Merrimack Parade and holiday concerts and looked forward to their spring concert on May 8. The high school band looked forward to a visit to Pat's Peak on Feb. 7, and next year's sub-freshmen would be chosen in February to be invited to all high school band events.

Dr. Jenn Bryson thanked Ferrara and his department for everything they do.

Nicholas Golden said that he was glad to see this effort and how they fostered a community through music.

Jay Samaha said that he appreciated all of their efforts as well.

Stephen Turner recalled a previous competition where

the judges were amazed by the participation in Wilmington's chorus.

David Ragsdale said that Wilmington's commitment to music and the arts is a tremendous strength and a reason to be proud of the school system.

Director of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero noted in the fiscal year 2025 financial report that the district spent and encumbered over \$48 million out of the over \$49 million appropriated for the operating budget. He explained that they had plans to spend the remaining amount for payroll and other expenses.

Turner asked if there were any concerns or notable costs. Ruggiero pointed to the out-of-district transportation costs but said he was confident that the district could handle the increase.

Golden asked about the cost for substitutes, and Ruggiero spoke of the moving of money from the

teacher budget line to substitutes. He also said that this cost was similar to that of previous years.

The committee, therefore, voted to move the budgeted funds from salary adjustment to other lines and to move the circuit breaker offset as recommended.

In subcommittee reports, Golden shared that he and Dr. Mike Mercaldi met with representatives from Senator Barry Finegold's office to discuss out of district transportation costs.

Ragsdale also shared that the Cell Phone Working Group meetings were underway and they split into subgroups to consider policies from other districts, research, stakeholder outreach, and safety. He added that they would come before the committee with a recommendation later in the year.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in the WHS media room.

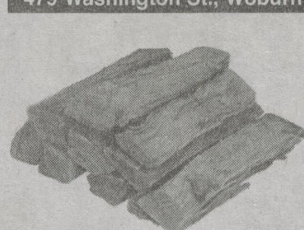
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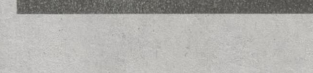
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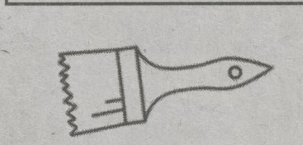


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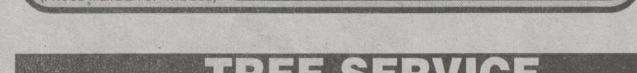
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Little interest in French and Italian in high school

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ruary.

Gendron thanked all of the curriculum team leaders, principals, and staff members who poured over the program of studies changes and their consequences.

Stephen Turner shared excitement about some of the history courses and recognized that there may be improvements to be made with flex block even though the feedback is positive. He asked whether virtual high school is a good vehicle for high-level foreign language classes. He specifically said that he wanted to see the high school promote foreign language classes.

Gendron said that virtual high school is not ideal for high-level foreign language, but it was better than not offering the course. He also mentioned that half of the students who take AP language courses virtually don't finish them.

Golden asked about a perceived different level of homework between staff and students. Gendron answered to say that they had implemented the course level expectations chart to make sure all levels are similar in challenging students because they saw gaps and inconsistencies within levels.

He said that this resulted in increasing homework with significant guardrails for all students. While they added an extra block, it was intended for an elective class which should've brought less homework than other courses. However, some students didn't choose an extra elective.

Bryson lastly said that she could see what the interdisciplinary courses were trying to do and thought it could be really unique.

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SAVE THE DATE: Comedy Night March 14 - The Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy and WHS Band Parents are hosting their annual Comedy Night on Friday, March 14, 2025 at Wilmington-Tewksbury Elks on 777 South St. in Tewksbury for a donation of \$25 per person. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts promptly at 9 p.m. MC'd by Wilmington's own Steve Bjork and featuring headliner TONY V with Jody Sloane and Steve Scarfo. Attendees are encouraged to bring munchies for their table and there will be a cash bar. Raffles! Silent Auction! For individual tickets or to reserve a table of 10, call Kevin Cairra 978-657-7734 or Kevin Cyr 781-962-8531.

School Choice Working Group proposed

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not yet necessarily be official.

Brand then proposed the creation of a School Choice Working Group out of committee members. He reminded the committee that they are annually required to vote on whether the school district will participate in the school choice program. The group would bring more conversation around the topic for consideration ahead of their

vote for next year.

He explained his idea to invite members of the committee to partner with himself, Ruggiero, and other school administration staff to take a deeper dive at school choice with enrollment projection patterns and forecasts. They would meet maybe two or three times. The committee typically voted on school choice participation in the spring, but there was no specific deadline in mind.

Dr. Jenn Bryson stated

her interest in participation.

Turner commented that he wanted to see the state increase the reimbursement amount per student from school choice, but there may be other educational benefits to the town from participation.

Ragsdale shared that June 1 was the deadline to vote on school choice participation.

Samaha stated that he may also be interested in joining the working group.

National Grid looking to finalize plans for project

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by the bridge project, which will span over the MBTA Commuter rail tracks by Anderson Regional Transportation Center and reconnect an isolated industrial area in North Woburn to easy highway connections off of Commerce Way in East Woburn.

ACTIVITY EXPECTED TO PICK UP

With activity on the bridge expected to pick up dramatically this spring, National Grid is looking to finalize plans to remove roughly 650-feet of existing gas mains in order to reroute those lines around the construction zone.

According to Cuddy, Mass. DOT officials have agreed to pick-up the expense for the utility company, but only if her firm completes its work within 23-days of receiving a "notice to proceed." To make sure that deadline is met, National Grid wants to run trenches along a new retaining wall in an orientation that runs parallel to new water, sewer, and drainage utilities being installed by the project contractor for the City of Woburn.

The company representative also argued that by laying in the 2-inch lines now — which allows existing gas mains to remain connected — National Grid will be more flexible should a problem arise in the field because they'll be no concerns about an

extended shutdown of "live" lines.

"We're hoping they'll also do our trenching, because they know where everything is. Then we'll come back in and lay the pipe. It will be a seamless project this way and that's one of reasons I'm asking for a grant of location tonight," Cuddy explained.

"Normally, we would come in after that city work is done," she added in an acknowledgment of Duran's long-standing protocol for utility work phasing. "But if [the bridge contractor] does the trenching for us, we'll pretty much be working side-by-side."

According to Duran, though he understands Cuddy's rationale for seeking the grant-of-location now, his responsibility is to safeguard Woburn's infrastructure.

And since he's dealt with situations in the past where the gas company was given leave to install its infrastructure ahead of water and sewer lines and ended up dropping those mains within the city's proposed layout, he can't in good conscience recommend a deviation from existing phasing protocols.

"Our utilities have to go first, because otherwise, they'll [put theirs] right on top of us. I'm sure that's not Dianne's intention, but that has happened in the past. And it compromises the City of Woburn's infrastructure," Duran stated.

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